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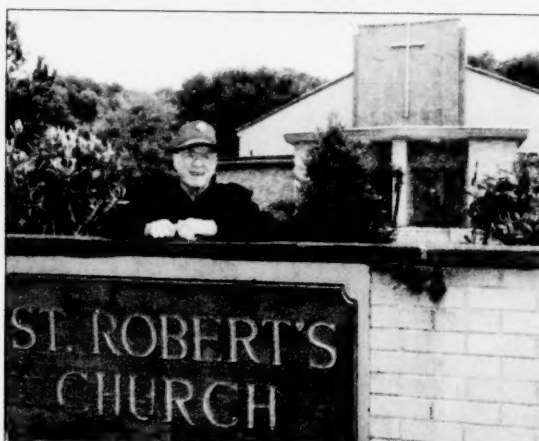
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BOOK REVIEW

If Roast Beef Could Fly

BY JAY LENO

Reviewed by John Chartier
and James Caron

John Chartier and James Caron are 14-year-old Andover residents who frequently review books for the Andover Townsman.

Comedian Jay Leno has been a prominent figure in the media for some time now thanks to his work on *The Tonight Show*. Leno has captured audiences with stories of his childhood growing up in town. Recently, he put his comedic talent to good use in his first children's book, *If Roast Beef Could Fly*.

Leno begins his story with a description of his father. Everything little thing was a "project" according to Angelo Leno,

something many fathers can relate to. The hilarious story tells the tale of how Leno and his father built a patio – and how Leno nearly ruined the family's end-of-summer barbecue. Such story elements as "the secret weapon"; the family dog, Bruce, and Leno's mother and aunt will come back to readers and keep them laughing days later. *If Roast Beef Could Fly* is brilliantly illustrated by S.B. Whitehead. The cartoon-like drawings put Leno's face on a child's body. Leno's picture book is also told by him on a CD included with the book. Leno's familiar voice tells his story the way he wants it heard. Being a comedian, he knows just how act out each scene, and it really brings the story to life. So go ahead,

support Andover's hometown hero and read a copy of *If Roast Beef Could Fly*.

We recommend this book for anyone looking for a good laugh. Although it is meant for younger ages, anyone will be able to laugh along with this short story. The illustrations, together with Leno's reading, make readers feel as if they are right at the Leno house on Clark Road. We give *If Roast Beef Could Fly* a nine out of 10. We can only guess what other antics Leno put his family and friends through while growing up! We just have to hope the star publishes another one of these wonderfully entertaining picture books to give us another glimpse into his childhood here in Andover.

Andover dance and acting studio growing

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town; but, she went away to college and enrolled in more demanding programs that allowed students to take individ-

ual classes focusing on one particular discipline, and it was that experience that years later made her see that there was an opportunity back at home.

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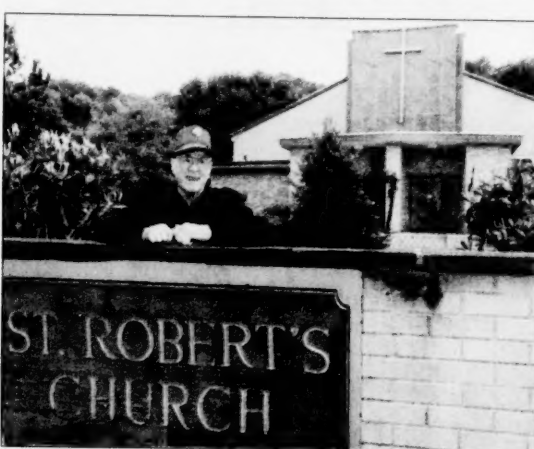
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Superintendent's review

BACH'S EVALUATION

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was thorough, accurate and fairly reflected the views expressed by members, and others who offered input. "This is not a vanilla review. This is not a stamp of approval," he said.

Barber and Smith requested parent input in February and estimated that they received 25 to 30 responses. Barber said those responses are reflected in the evaluation. "We weighed each comment and boiled it down," he said.

"We tried to correlate the comments to (district) objectives," said Smith.

As part of the one-page review, the School Committee suggested a "development plan." The committee indicated Bach should work with them and a communications professional to improve on communicating her objectives. Another part of the plan is for her to review the school department's management model, as the town enters its second year with co-athletic directors and prepares to hire a new business manager.

Bach's 2002 and 2003 evaluations gave less insight into the

evaluation process and offered no measurable goals and little or no sense that Bach needed to improve her performance. Although the 2003 evaluation mentioned communication and responding to public requests as concerns, it stated "conflicting interests, lack of resources and considerations of site-based management make such disap-

pointments inevitable."

The evaluation was not announced on the committee agenda, which is sent by e-mail to PTO leaders and others. School Committee Chairman Tony James explained school officials were not certain the evaluation would be ready at the time the agenda was sent out last Friday.

Bach given power to change athletic fees

A minor amendment to the School Committee athletic user fee policy sparked debate and was approved by a 3-2 vote on Tuesday. The amendment will allow the superintendent or her designee to set the fee amount on an annual basis.

High school sports were free in Andover until September 2002, when financial difficulties forced the committee to institute the user fee. AHS students now pay \$250 for unlimited participation in the athletics department. Families are charged a maximum of \$500. Eligible families may also apply for a waiver.

Schools Business Manager Bernie Tuttle offered the amendment this year to allow the

superintendent to change the amount of the fee based on available funds. But member Dick Collins, who has resisted the idea of an athletic fee, suggested a reduced fee of \$100 for students who play only one sport.

Chairman Tony James noted that AHS Principal Peter Anderson and the co-athletic directors, Dave Nichols and Brian McNally, helped set the fee.

The policy amendment was approved by members Debbie Silberstein, Christopher Smith and James, with Barber and Collins voting against it. Barber requested afterwards that the co-athletics directors review the policy at a future meeting.

- Ben Hellman



Ted Cole salutes as firefighters from West and Spring Grove fire stations help raise a flagpole he donated for the Park, where a World War II memorial will be dedicated Memorial Day, May 31.

ANDOVER MEMORIAL DAY EVENTS ON MONDAY, MAY 31

The town of Andover will host public Memorial Day ceremonies on Monday, May 31, including a parade and dedication of a World War II memorial in the Park downtown.

The day will begin at 7 a.m. in West Parish Cemetery at the grave of Wilfred Pelletier, a member of the US Army during World War II. At 7:30 a.m., ceremonies will continue in St. Augustine's Cemetery at the grave of Joseph Horan, also a member of the US Army during World War II, and then at 8 a.m. in Spring Grove Cemetery in the

American Legion lot.

At 9:30 a.m., the annual Memorial Day parade will begin in downtown Andover.

At 10:30 a.m., the town will dedicate the new Andover World War II Memorial, which is in the Park, at the corner of Bartlet and Chestnut streets.

The master of ceremonies will be John Doherty, Andover veterans agent.

The national anthem will be played by the Andover High School Band and Ted Cole will raise the flag.

The invocation will be by

Chaplain Dorothy Volker.

Ashokan Farewell will be performed by Jonas, Mark and Silas Hamilton with *In Flanders Field* by Hallie Hauer of West Middle School and the hymn *Amazing Grace* by Clan MacPherson.

The Gettysburg Address will be recited by Max Castleman of Doherty Middle School with a patriotic reading offered by Renee Hamilton of Wood Hill Middle School.

Special presentations will be made to K. William Chakarian, Alexander Waldie, Hugh Davey and Lesley Holdsworth. The speaker will be state Sen. Susan Tucker.

Following her speech, there will be a presentation of the Distinguished Service Award and then the unveiling of the Andover World War II Memorial. People will also dedicate the American Legion bench and will post floral tributes. Following the benediction, American Legion Post No. 8 will offer a rifle salute and "Taps/Echo" will be played by Andover High School Band members.

There will be a flyover of A-10s by the 104th TFW, Massachusetts Air National Guard. Immediately following the ceremonies there will be a free lunch for all participants and their parents at the Doherty Middle School cafeteria.

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IN BRIEF

PAST AND PRESENT



From the top photo, it looks as if it was tough to find parking on Main Street even during the 1940s. Note the cars parked in front of what we now call Old Town Hall, the cobblestone roads and crosswalks. The bottom photo shows the same general area this week.

Memorial Day parade

This year's Memorial Day parade will be held Monday, May 31 and will start promptly at 9:30 a.m. from the intersection of Elm and Florence streets. All civic, patriotic and fraternal groups are invited to march. People who have groups marching should call John Doherty at 978-623-8218 and let him know the number of marchers, for planning purposes. All marchers will have a meal at the close of the observances.

For more, see story on left-hand page.

Policemen's Ball

Andover Policemen's Relief Association will hold its Annual Ball at the Andover Country Club, 60 Canterbury St. on Friday, June 11, 2004. There will be a cocktail hour from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., with dinner served at 7:30 p.m. Dancing will last until 1 a.m. The donation is \$30 per person with Tickets available at Andover Public Safety Center. For one's dancing pleasure the Boston band Jude Crossen and Precision will perform.

Norma Gammon given Cole Service Award

Norma Gammon, the community services librarian at Memorial Hall Library, is this year's recipient of the Virginia Cole Service Award.

Gammon's honor was announced at Town Meeting last month while colleagues at Memorial Hall recognized her at a trustees' tea last week.

The award is in honor of the late Virginia "Jinny" Cole of Andover, a well-known town volunteer, town official and two-time League of Women Voters president. Her volunteerism in town spanned more than 40 years. She died in July 2000.

The award was created to honor someone who embodies community spirit through volunteer work in town. Residents nominate candidates and the award is announced at Town Meeting every year.

— Judy Wakefield



Norma Gammon receiving award.

Quote, unquote . . .

EVERY YEAR, IT'S 'DR. FRANCIS, I CAN'T GO ON.'

— Physics teacher Ron Francis on how, when he brings his Andover High School class to Canobie Lake Park for a lab on acceleration, some students try to avoid certain scary rides. (Story in Education, page 23)

IT MAY BE JUST A MATTER OF GETTING USED TO. But, it's tough for the elderly to walk to this, step up on the curb and use the machine. And, a lot of people don't even know these machines are here.

— Nancy Simili of Andover, who was doing errands, about the new pay stations at the Olde Andover Village Parking lot. They have irritated some downtown workers and shoppers used to dropping change into meters at their own spaces. (Story in News, page 6)

News Calendar

Items as posted on the town Web site at Townsmantown.com deadline on Wednesday morning:

Thursday, May 27

Disability Commission, Memorial Hall Library, activity room, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 1

Vision 21 Committee, Town Offices, second floor, 7:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission, Town Offices, third floor, 7:45 p.m.

Thursday, June 3

Zoning Board of Appeals, Memorial Hall Library, third floor, 7 p.m.

Saturday, June 5

Zoning Board of Appeals, Memorial Hall Library, third floor, 9 a.m.

Tuesday, June 8

School Committee, School Administration Building, executive session, 6 p.m.; regular meeting 7:30 p.m.

Planning Board, Town Offices, third floor, 7 p.m.

Disaster relief

Bay State disaster victims have only a few weeks left to register with the Federal Emergency Management Agency for state and federal assistance to help with uninsured losses caused by April's damaging floods.

FEMA will continue to process all applications received before the June 21 deadline.

"People need to take charge of their own recovery without delay because we can't keep the assistance window open indefinitely," said James N. Russo, the official in charge of federal recovery operations. "Don't wait for insurance settlements or contractor invoices; register immediately for your own peace-of-mind."

Residents can register by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (3362). The number for those with speech or hearing impairment is (TTY)1-800-462-7585. Registration lines are open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Early deadline

Because of the Memorial Day holiday on Monday, the *Townsmantown* will have early deadlines for its next paper, June 3. Advertising copy is due tomorrow, Friday, at noon.

Submissions for education, arts and social news are also due Friday at noon. Letters are due Friday at 5 p.m., or may be sent by e-mail to nfater@andover-townsmantown.com by Monday at noon.

Volunteers needed at MV Hospice and in the juvenile courts

Merrimack Valley Hospice will be offering training for volunteers beginning June 5, and running for three weeks.

Volunteer opportunities are available for those interested in caring directly for patients and their families, raising funds and helping with public relations or clerical support. All volunteers support the work of Merrimack Valley Hospice to aid terminally ill patients and their families.

Efforts will be made to place volunteers with patients in or near their hometown. For more information, contact Linda Chernov, volunteer coordinator, at Merrimack Valley Hospice, 978-552-4522.

Volunteers interested in advocating for children are needed for the Court Appointed Special Advocate program. A program of Family Service Inc. in Lawrence, CASA volunteers advocate for children in the Juvenile Court System in Northern Essex County who have been removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect. The CASA program recruits, screens, trains, supervises, and supports volunteers. No specific education or experience is required, except to be 21 or older, have time to commit, and care about children. Weekly volunteer training session are planned for Tuesday, June 29

through Tuesday, Aug. 17, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Family Service's Dorothy & Roland Hammond Building located at 430 North Canal St., Lawrence, in the first floor conference room. "A CASA volunteer is appointed by a judge to represent the best interest of a child when determining the child's custody and placement," explains Connie Williamson, CASA program coordinator. "We are in great need of volunteers." Residents who want to participate, or want more information on CASA, can contact Williamson by phone at 978-683-9505, Ext. 17 or by e-mail at Cwilliamson@FamilyServiceInc.com.

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Two buildings proposed Expanding Minuteman Park?

By Andrea Gregory

Marty Spagat, the creator of Minuteman Park, is looking to put final touches on the office park, which has been seven years in the making.

He is asking the Planning Board to accept alterations to a previously approved master site plan. On Tuesday night, the Planning Board opened and closed a public hearing for what is known as Spagat's "signature building" — the fifth of five buildings he originally proposed.

"I think the architecture is striking on it," said Planning Director Steve Colyer.

This fifth building, at 300 Minuteman Road, would be 320,000 square feet and four stories tall.

While Spagat is taking the final steps to create his signature building in the office park, he has also filed plans with the zoning department for another addition. Spagat said he is proposing another, smaller building for the property. He said it would be about 10,000 square feet and the last building for the site, completing Minuteman Park.

Long-term plan

The Planning Board approved its first master site plan ever in August 1997 for the Minuteman Road site. The board's approval allowed Spagat to create a five-building office park. Spagat is back before the board to increase the size of the last building out of the original five to be constructed. 400 Minuteman Road was never built to the total amount of square feet it was allowed. Spagat is hoping to transfer some of the unused square footage to the new building. The modification would result in a net reduction over the five buildings of 7,000 square feet from what

was originally approved for the entire plan.

All modifications to the approved master site plan need to be approved by the Planning Board. "All the square footage is like a bank," said Colyer before the Planning Board meeting.

In 1997, Minuteman Park was only an idea, one that Spagat himself was a little hesitant about. Anton Germishuizen, director of Burt Hill Kosar Rittelman Associate, presented sketches for buildings with a sleek and modern look. Although they were attractive and Spagat was ready to develop the property, he was not sure how the community would feel about buildings that were so different from the traditional New England-style structures elsewhere in town.

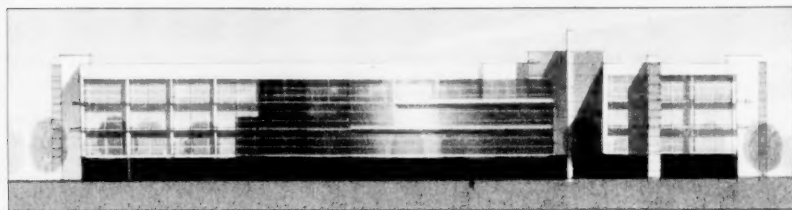
"I was worried this would not be acceptable to people," said Spagat. "Each building is sort of a work of art."

Spagat took the designs and artist renderings to the Planning Board. The proposal showed five buildings totaling 962,000 square feet. Dirt and shrubs were to be torn up and paved over, making room for 2,591 parking spaces. The 86.42 acres that was made up of four parcels would soon supply enough office space for several businesses.

"Minuteman Park is one of the great success stories for our industrial or high-tech parks," said Colyer. "Look who is there."

Colyer scrolled off names such as Smith and Nephew, Philips Medical and the coming Straumann USA as examples of big name corporations that have set up operations in Andover at the site.

"The buildings are just visually attractive," he said. "This has turned out to be a great example of the board thinking ahead."



Proposed building for 300 Minuteman Park.

Rising from the ashes — literally

■ BARNARD STREET

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installing sprinkler systems to the new building and the abutting Blue Cow restaurant, and creating a structure more visually compatible to the neighboring buildings. The trust plans to absorb all improvement costs.

McArdle is petitioning the board to waive the 12-space parking requirement. He is hoping the board will agree that six spaces will be adequate to cover the two retail shops and above

office space the building will house. The six spaces would be reserved for tenant use. A municipal parking lot with 59 spaces is across the street from the site. The previous structure offered four parking spaces.

Meeting parking requirements is a problem for buildings in the downtown area because of space, said Planning Director Steve Colyer.

"Unless you are going to start tearing down buildings, there is nowhere to put parking anymore," he said.

Colyer also mentioned he could not remember the board denying a downtown project solely because it could not meet parking requirements.

He said it was "just a great thing for the downtown" that the development team wanted to recreate the structure in a way that would imitate and blend with the rest of the block.

"I think it speaks for itself," said McArdle. "We don't want it to look like a new building. We want it to look like it was always there."



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Parishioners applauded when Rev. Richard Conway entered St. Robert Bellarmine Church, which will remain open.

Andover keeps its Catholic churches

■ CHURCH

Continued from page 1

"I think it's a mixed bag. I'm very happy for us and this community, but there are a lot of people tonight that are hurting," he said. "We need to keep our eyes on the fact that this is something bigger. We are all connected and we are all part of something. We prayed for everybody before and we need to continue to do that now."

The news that St. Robert's will not close was spread by Andover parishioners electronically. At 1:15 p.m., about two hours after Conway opened the letter, the news was posted on the church's Web site, with an invitation to parishioners for an Evening Prayer of Thanksgiving later that evening. He said the site received more than 550 hits.

Parishioners crammed their cars into the church parking lot just before 7 p.m. for the Evening Prayer. Children skipped up to the entrance and everyone appeared to wear a smile.

"This is a big part of our life, this church," said Catherine Beaumont, making her way up the church's front steps. "I think we like it because we just feel welcome here. It's a very welcoming church."

Beaumont said she and her family have attended Masses at the church since they moved to Andover six years ago. From the steps, the Beaumont family could hear applause, the sound of many parishioners rejoicing in the news. They filled a pew near the organ.

Loud voices rose to the rafters in song. Catherine Beau-

mont, her husband, Peter, and their three children, Ryan, 11, Kaity, 10, and Stephen, 8, were among those singing. Kaity said she will be able to continue singing as one of the young choir members at the church's 9 a.m. Masses.

"Is this good or what?" said Conway, beginning the service.

The entire room broke into applause. But Conway also wanted to stress that, while St. Robert's was enjoying a "glory moment," parishioners of 60 other churches were hurting. "There are about 60,000 people in the Archdiocese of Boston who are grieving tonight, and we could have very easily been with them," he said. "I think the challenge that faces them is handed to you and me."

After songs, discussion and prayer, Conway finished the service. As he walked toward the exit, men, women and children pulled the stings to 144 party poppers, which sounded off with a bang and shot confetti string into the air.

Parishioner Kathy Dowden was responsible for the unconventional grand finale. She whispered the plan to people entering the church before the Evening Prayer and secretly placed party poppers into their hands. "Everyone who came in, I tried to get," said Dowden. "I love this place. It's like an extended family."

Parishioner Warren Kearn also called the news that the church will remain open "wonderful." Kearn has many family memories linked to the West Andover church.

"We've always gone to the

church, right from the very beginning," he said.

Even before the church was built, Kearn's family was connected to the site and open to the idea of a church in the neighborhood. The property had once belonged to Kearn's aunt and uncle, he said. Back then the Kearn family was traveling to St. Patrick's in Lawrence for Mass every Sunday.

"My mother used to pray for a church in West Andover," he said.

A few years after his mother died, St. Robert Bellarmine was built. The church began welcoming area Catholics in the early '60s. Kearn said he was at the first Mass and has seldom missed one since. His twin boys were the first altar boys of the congregation. His wife was an original singer in the choir. He said his entire family found ways to participate during the early years of the parish. Kearn spent years changing the light bulbs inside the church. He retired from the task at age 70, when it started becoming more difficult to climb the ladder.

Almost 81, Kearn is still attending 7:30 a.m. Masses. Many of his children have moved away, and his wife Eleanor is no longer well enough to attend. Kearn said she watches Mass on television. He said he is a Eucharistic minister and brings communion home to his wife every week. "We've got a lot of history there," he said.

It is a statement that would ring true with many parishioners of St. Robert Bellarmine. And now more history can be written.

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POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Thursday, May 20 – At Gustavo Marsola, 20, of 8 Glidden Ave., Lowell, was arrested and charged with speeding, providing a false name to police and driving without a license.

At 4:59 p.m., Paul Josephson Jr., 45, of 257 Broadway, Lawrence was arrested and charged on a warrant for driving with a suspended license.

Friday, May 21 – At 10:58 p.m., Michael Hall, 19, of 2 Exeter Way, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct.

Saturday, May 22 – At 1:34 p.m., Edson Policarpo, 35, of 105 Scirapp St., Cambridge, was arrested and charged with driving without a license, attaching the wrong plates to a vehicle, driving an uninsured vehicle and driving an unregistered vehicle.

Monday, May 24 – At 7:45 a.m., Alberto Galindo, 32, of 202 Milbury St., Worcester, was arrested and charged on a warrant with assault and battery.

THEFTS

Wednesday, May 19 – At 8:56 a.m., a Bullfinch Drive resident reported his two front tires were stolen from his vehicle.

At 12:42 p.m., a diamond ring with four rubies was reported stolen on River Street.

Monday, May 24 – At 6:05 p.m., a Shattuck Road resident reported her cell phone stolen.

Tuesday, May 25 – At 3:06 p.m., a Morton Street resident reported a past theft of \$200.

At 3:20 p.m., a woman was bringing her furs and some jewelry to Dino Furs and Nazarian Jewelers for appraisal, but when she opened her trunk she noticed they were all gone and so was her purse. Police reported a substantial loss, and do not yet know where the woman's belongings disappeared to. The matter is still under investigation.

BREAKS

Thursday, May 20 – At 11:37 p.m., a River Road resident reported items missing from his home.

INCIDENTS

Wednesday, May 19 – At 8:48 p.m., there was a report of a cow on a lawn on Blanchard Street.

Friday, May 21 – At 5:09 p.m., a Washington Park Drive man reported that after he asked his girlfriend to move out she started throwing things and screaming.

At 7:36 p.m., an ambulance was called to attend to a lacrosse player who was hit with a ball in the face on Shawsheen Road.

At 10:11 p.m., an anonymous caller from Apollo Circle reported a get together had gotten out of hand and there were 80 kids in his parents' house.

Sunday, May 23 – At 6:42 p.m., there was a report of two Phillips Academy girls sleeping on the lawn on Main Street.

At 7:37 p.m., a boat fell off a trailer on Dascomb Road, at the Osgood Street intersection, causing traffic problems.

Tuesday, May 25 – At 7:05 a.m., a boat capsized in a body of



Andover firefighters put out a fire caused when lightning hit the roof of Laurie and Steven Martin's home on Bancroft Road.

Lightning sparks home fire

Work to new home ruined by Monday's weather

By O'Ryan Johnson
and Mark Vogler

Laurie and Steven Martin finished work on their "fixer-upper" last year, installing a new roof, wallpaper and kitchen. Mother Nature undid all that Monday.

Police said lightning struck the Martins' home at 38 Bancroft Road about 3 p.m., setting fire to the roof in a two-alarm blaze that has left the couple and their two young children unharmed but without use of their home for a while.

The lightning that struck the Martin home was the worst damage caused by the thunderstorms that hit the Merrimack Valley Monday.

Andover Police Sgt. William Ouellette said the storm caused alarms to go off and sporadic power failures throughout town.

Boxford police said no injuries were reported when lightning struck two homes on Ipswich and Topsfield roads between 9 and 10 p.m. Both homes received minor damage in the lightning strikes, police said.

The Martins said it was difficult to see so much fire damage after they worked so hard to renovate their Andover home.

"I thought we were done," Laurie Martin said while standing outside the house. "It's just devastating. You hear people say you're lucky to be alive, but you never think it's going to happen to you. I'm just devastated."

She said her husband was on the telephone when the lightning struck.

Holt Road neighbor Leslie Quartararo said she was working in her kitchen when she heard a blast of thunder.

"It was very loud," she said. "I didn't hear anything after that, then I looked out my window and I saw the firetrucks."

Police Lt. James Hashem said emergency dispatchers received several calls for lightning strikes as thunderstorms rolled through town.

"We had some pretty good thunderstorms," he said. "It looked like the storm had passed by when

we got this call."

Steve Martin called police and evacuated the family's pets – a rabbit and dog, a Weimaraner named Dutchess. Laurie Martin said she arrived home a short time later. The couple's children, ages 3 and 15 months, were not home at the time.

Fire Chief Chuck Mur-nane said the blaze moved through the attic, and firefighters were forced to cut a hole in the new roof to keep the fire from spreading to the rest of the house. He said there is heavy fire damage to the roof and attic, and moderate smoke and water damage throughout the house. It took about 20 minutes to bring the blaze under control, though it continued to flare and smolder for 45 minutes.

Firefighters from North Andover, North Reading and Tewksbury covered Andover fire stations during the blaze.

A damage estimate was not available. The Martins bought the house in January 2002 for \$395,000, according to the Essex County Registry of Deeds.

water off Harold Parker Road and the Andover Fire Department brought the person to shore.

At 11:42 a.m., a cement block fell three stories and landed on the head of a construction worker. He was wearing a hard hat, but sustained injury and was bleeding from a head wound.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Saturday, May 22 – At 8:44 p.m., a Longwood Drive resident

reported her car radio had been stolen.

Monday, May 24 – At 8:19 p.m., a Stevens Street resident reported his car stereo stolen.

Tuesday, May 25 – At 12:05 p.m., a car window was smashed on Moraine Street and a cell phone was stolen.

At 9:11 p.m., an employee at Chateau Restaurant reported her car broken into in the parking lot.

ACCIDENTS

Thursday, May 20 – At 8:44 p.m., there was an accident on Dascomb Road with injuries reported.

Monday, May 24 – At 2:46 p.m., there was an accident on Harold Parker Road with injuries reported.

VANDALISM

There were seven such reports.

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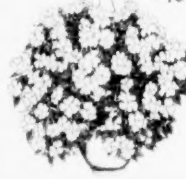


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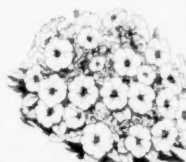


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OLDE ANDOVER VILLAGE EXPERIMENT

New pay stations: Money saver, shopper aggravator

By Judy Wakefield

Free parking in the parking lot off Main Street has gone the way of the lot's parking meters. After 10 months of waiting – and 10 months of free parking – the town has installed two new parking pay stations.

The meters in the Olde Andover Village parking lot on Main Street were removed last summer as the lot began a \$200,000 makeover. Money for the makeover was approved at three Town Meetings and included repaving, new curbing and lights, some landscaping and two new pay-and-display parking stations. Drivers have enjoyed free parking since the project started last July.

The two new state-of-the-art parking pay stations were installed Thursday, May 13. The town's 25-cents-an-hour fee and four-hour limit is being fully enforced, according to Lt. James Hashem of the Andover Police Department.

"It's the latest generation in parking machines and will help cut down on maintenance costs," Hashem said of the machines, which cost about \$13,000 each.

Parking superintendent David Cantone said the lot's makeover makes it more attractive. The "blight of parking meters" is gone, he said. "It's a great facelift and these are saving taxpayers' money," he said, because the machines are cheaper to maintain than the more than 100 meters they replaced.

But downtown shoppers were not nearly as happy with the two pay stations for the 116 parking-space lot. Several agreed with Nancy Simili of Andover who was doing errands and said she was "annoyed and irritated" that drivers have to walk to one of the stations, pay their money, get a receipt and then return the receipt to their dashboard.

"It may be just a matter of getting used to," she said. "But, it's tough for the elderly to walk to this, step up on the curb and use the machine. And, a lot of people don't even know these machines are here."

That was also a gripe from Sarah Foster of North Andover, who was on her way to shop for a purse at Wishing Well and said there should be better signage directing drivers to the pay stations. While there are signs telling drivers to "pay and



Nancy Simili, puts money into the new pay & display machine at the Main Street parking lot.

display," she said the signs are tough to see because the lot is filled with tall SUVs.

"I'm just used to meters in front of my car," she said. "It's easier."

But all parking meters in Andover could one day be a thing of the past. Hashem said a long-range goal is to eventually replace parking meters in town with pay and display stations because they cost less to maintain. "They're user-friendly," he said. "And, I think people just need time to get used to them."

Makeover's final touches

While the talk of the lot has been the new pay stations, new lights with an antique Victorian theme have been installed while most of the landscaping is just about finished, according to Randy Pickersgill, superintendent of parks and grounds,

and project manager for the lot's makeover.

Pickersgill said 18 new lights will be set up in the lot and all will have an antique Victorian look. He said that's what the Main Street Committee wanted when they drew up the makeover plans. Six lights are already installed, but they won't be turned on until all 18 are set in a month or so.

The makeover plans also include a "pocket park" on the Main Street side of the parking lot, that includes four benches and flowering trees, according to town planner Lisa Schwarz. The only item not yet in place is a trash barrel, and Schwarz has heard complaints about that. "I hear, 'I like the benches, and the cobblestone is classy, but where's the trash barrel?'" she said.

The barrel is decorative and fits the antique Victorian theme. It's been ordered and should arrive this summer, she said.

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Dave Cantone, parking supervisor, checks on a pay-and-display ticket.

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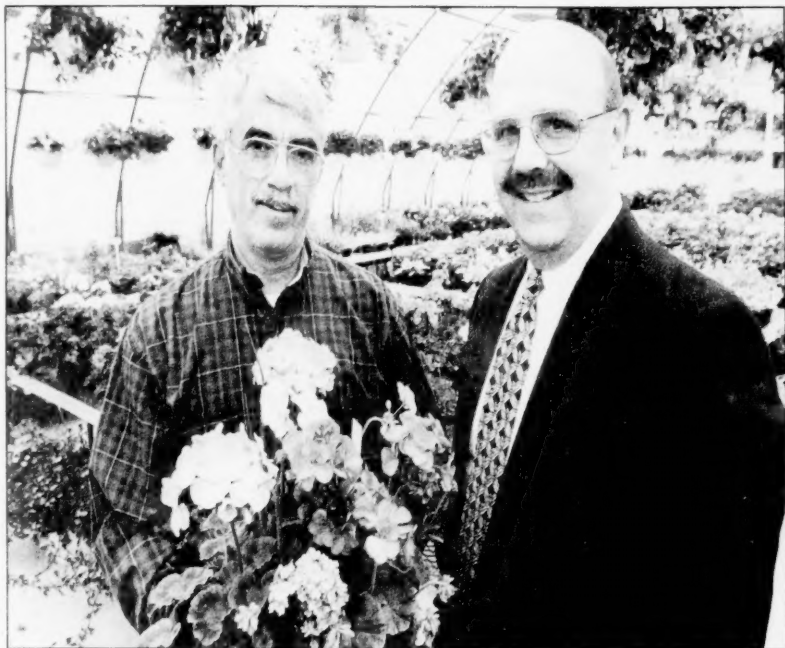
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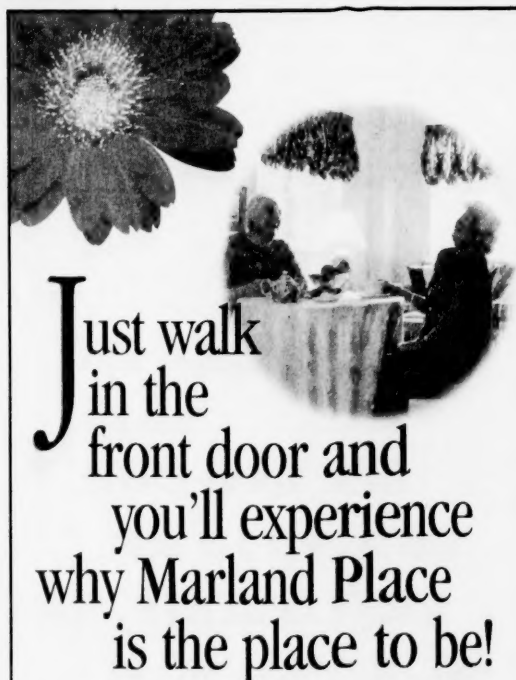
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LETTERS ON THE PROM

Don't bash once-a-year tradition

Editor, Townsman:

I am writing in response to a letter written to the editor entitled "Leg waxing over waxing poetic?" which trivializes the Andover High School prom experience — a night of fun.

The busy life of most Andover High School students consists of juggling a demanding schedule with precious little time devoted to relaxation or revelry. A student's school day starts early as we begin classes immediately upon entering the school. Classes challenge us throughout the day. After school well over 60 percent of

students at AHS participate in a sport, belong to a club, or volunteer for community service. Many students also work various jobs.

The hours spent in these activities, added to the demands of homework and test preparation, leave little time for socializing. It is not unusual for students to be awake late in the evening trying to accomplish all that is on their plate. We take our role as students seriously and work, train and study hard.

Once a year, students are able to join with their classmates in the longstanding tradition called prom. We do not refer to it as a

"rite of passage" or "celebration of our forth-coming adulthood." We do not consider it the "most important night of our lives." We do consider it fun.

To us, the prom is a chance to be with our friends in a unique setting. We get the chance to take photographs in formal wear, dance, and stay out late.

Our society celebrates all kinds of traditions and holidays. Some of these make more sense than others. Anyone could question the value of Halloween or Valentine's Day. Mark Twain once said,

"What is life but a series of inspired follies?" We celebrate these traditions because they bring smiles to peoples' faces.

It is true that students' minds and bodies are often someplace else on the day of the prom. But what's the harm? We work hard day after day. Is that all that life is about? Thank goodness our class advisers, parents, and teachers who chaperone us understand the need to take a break once in a while.

Kate Nichols
24 Smithshire Estates
Junior
Andover High School

"Anyone could question the value of Halloween or Valentine's Day... They bring smiles to people's faces."

PROM REFLECTIONS IN TWO VOICES

In a daughter's voice:

Editor, Townsman:

As a member of the senior governing board at Andover High School I would like to express the disappointment the majority of the students felt towards last week's letter concerning our Junior/Senior Prom.

The root of our frustration and anger is directed as to why two of our teachers would launch such an attack upon their students. After numerous readings of the letter I am still unclear as to its purpose. The letter attacks three different aspects of the pre-prom Friday. The two teachers hint at their anger towards prom in general, towards the preparation of young women before prom and towards Principal Peter Anderson's Tardy Policy. I question whether all three caused equal amounts of distress for teachers Mary Robb and Ruth Masters or whether the concern lies with one source more so than the other two. The fact of the matter is that much of the letter makes sweeping generalizations that pertain to but a small portion of the population of Andover High School, thus it is degrading to the students and faculty.

I can honestly say that among my group of friends, parent-condoned drinking is not prevalent. I can also testify that I have never once set foot in a tanning booth or had any part of my body waxed. This article creates an image of a Barbie Doll rather than the average Andover High School student.

Neither I, nor my sister have a tardy problem; my parents would not permit this to happen. Clearly, the two teachers have complaints in regard to the tardy policy and time-on-learning issues. These concerns should be addressed within the school itself rather than in a public arena.

Much as I have expanded my horizon in Statistics, Anatomy and Democracy and Media Literacy, I have also expanded my horizons by attending my junior-and senior-year proms. Growth takes place in many forms. According to its mission statement, Andover High School provides a student with "the opportunity to use his or her mind well to become personally responsible for his or her academic, social and civic growth and physical well-being." I do not feel that last week's letter accurately reflected a generic day in the life of an Andover High School student; rather, it highlighted one special day out of 180 days. I conclude this letter, still confused as to the true purpose of Ms. Robb and Ms. Masters' remarks.

Elizabeth Pallotta (daughter)
4 Chippy Lane

In a mother's voice:

Editor, Townsman:

As a parent of two daughters attend Andover High School I am concerned with last week's letter "Prom Lessons." My oldest daughter, Elizabeth, attended the prom last year as a junior and recently as a senior. My youngest daughter, Emily, anxiously awaits nest year when she will be a junior and can participate in this "innocent rite of passage."

I believe the Andover High School Prom is a wonderful event that is a necessary part of education. It has given Elizabeth a true lesson in leadership as she participated in organizing the prom, from invitations to favors. It is an opportunity for "social learning" outside of the classroom that fosters maturation.

Prom day is no different for my daughter than any other day except that she is dismissed early. She, along with most of her friends, arrive on time to school everyday. She drinks her tea in the morning with me before she leaves for school at 7:10 a.m. so she can be there when the first bell rings. She is a student who takes her education seriously! Throughout Elizabeth's four years at Andover High School, I have entertained numerous students. At these festivities, both my husband and I were a consistent presence. Drinking at these events was never tolerated.

For my daughter, the Andover High School prom is not about tanning, waxing, social drinking or manicures. It is about feeling special, sharing good times with friends and teachers, and creating memories for a lifetime. I was deeply offended by the perceptions of teachers Mary Robb and Ruth Masters in regards to such a special event.

Kathy Pallotta (mother)
4 Chippy Lane



Elizabeth Pallotta with prom date Ben Carter

In defense: Like adults, teens need to unwind, and have special days they can anticipate

Editor, Townsman:

Prom. An event for which many high-schoolers wait with baited breath from the moment they enter high school. I know I did. Many members of the Andover High School faculty and administration have expressed excitement for the students, and even look forward to attending prom each year themselves. Other teachers have expressed different opinions on the subject of prom, as was seen on the Letters page of last week's *Townsman*.

Two teachers, both of whom I sincerely have high respect for, have given the impression that prom is simply an over-rated, learning-environment-disturbing excuse for self-entitled children to spend more of their parent's money in an unsuccessful effort to bypass

teenage life and race to adulthood. They stated in their letter that it is "heart-wrenching for us to see such promising boys and girls get caught up in the hype that is prom."

Yes, as a junior at Andover High who attended prom last year, I can attest to the fact that it is highly over-rated, as many first-time prom-goers discovered a couple of weeks ago. However, as a junior, I can also tell you that prom is an event to look forward to, and is even needed, as a well-deserved break from the incredible amount of work and pressure inflicted upon us as we struggle to maintain grade point averages, take standardized tests, endure career-counseling sessions, and get accepted into the perfect college. When the Saturday morning after the prom falls upon us,

what is there to look forward to? What is the next big event requiring planning that helps us relax when the teachers have our noses to the grindstone? Surely one can not suggest that a summer filled with AP summer assignments and jobs followed by another year of hard work and college applications is fulfilling enough to satisfy our teenage cravings for fun and relaxation.

My question is: Why criticize an event that allows juniors and seniors one night of pure fun, catered solely to them, to reward them for the past 11 or 12 years of hard work? Five years from now, will any person, teacher or student, actually care that we were allowed to leave school at 11 a.m., even though it admittedly doesn't take seven hours to prepare for this anticipated evening? I

highly doubt it. With the constant turmoil in the world and even within the United States itself, I'm shocked that this is even an existing debate. However, since the topic was brought up in an aggressive manner, I feel compelled to express my opinion. High school is hell for so many "forth-coming adults," and many of us find such little joy in waking up at 6 a.m. every morning to walk the halls of Andover High. Please don't taint the one night we have to "play dress-up" and overlook the fact that we are merely children (note the sarcasm). If you want us to claim responsibility for ourselves and "foster an anticipation of life's greatest events," give us this chance to make our prom one of those nights in which you look back and say, "I had a wonderful time just dancing

with my friends" or, "It was so nice to see everyone dressed up one last time before I graduate."

For most of us young adults at Andover High School, prom day is a time of relaxation, enjoying the preparation (which is half the fun anyway), and laughing with one's friends. Not only did every one of us make it home safely from this time-honored tradition, but it gave us all a welcome break from the trials of high school and the uncertainty of the future. We are teenagers. We, like the "real" adults of today's society, need and deserve vacations from the world we live in.

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Opinion

Public review

Five years or nothing. That's the choice selectmen soon must make on a new contract for Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski.

Stapczynski's current contract will end in June 2005. Because selectmen must give him notice if they do not plan to rehire him, they must decide by next winter whether they want Stapczynski — who has led Andover since the first President Bush was in office — to continue running Andover for another five years. Because selectmen will need to begin work on this end-of-contract evaluation, they plan to soon dive into this year's evaluation of Stapczynski.

Choosing the town's top official is the most important decision selectmen make, just as selecting a superintendent is the most significant decision for School Committee members. This week, the School Committee issued a group review of the superintendent. In the past, selectmen also have issued group reviews. But residents deserve to know how their individual elected leaders assess the town manager, so that they can make informed decisions at the ballot box. If selectmen won't issue separate reviews of the town manager, the least they can do is have a public discussion of their views.

At the most recent selectmen's meeting, Selectmen Chairman Brian Major, a member of the board since 1997, announced that meetings discussing Stapczynski's evaluation will be open. But he said discussion of the town manager's performance would take place in secret session — until he was promptly reminded by Selectman John Hess that such discussions are not allowed in secret sessions. Hess said selectmen could only use the secret — or "executive" — sessions to discuss negotiation strategies. "The executive session is around discussion of the bargaining, which is mostly around salary and benefits," said Hess. We hope this means that this year selectmen will have public discussions that make clear how each individual selectman evaluates the town manager's performance.

Web question

Did schools evaluation hit the mark?

Last week's *Townsmen* Web-site question was: An Andover couple recently returned from their trip around the world. Given the war and international tensions, what are your vacation plans? 26 people voted.

4, or 15 percent, said, "I've put plans to travel outside the US on hold because of the war."

5, or 19 percent, said, "I will go abroad this summer. You only live once."

1, or 4 percent, said, "I still do not feel comfortable flying and have arranged alternate travel plans."

12, or 46 percent, said, "Who has money for a big vacation?"

4, or 15 percent, voted "Other."

This week's question: The School Committee gave Superintendent Claudia Bach high marks for leadership and work ethic, but said she needs improve-

ment on her communication skills and in making sure the district is following state laws. Does this reflect Bach's job performance in the last year?

• Yes, it is a large improvement over previous evaluations and was fairly done.

• Yes, it is a fair and balanced evaluation, but it gives no clear indication of how the members weigh her faults against her strengths.

• Yes, but how can a district keep a superintendent who is regularly faulted for communication skills and failed to keep Andover High School in compliance with state laws?

• No, the evaluation downplayed Bach's successes and strengths.

• No, The evaluation downplays Bach's shortcomings.

• Other.

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LETTERS

18th Essex Race

Marasco stands for reform

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Unlike Gerry Gustus (Letters, "Don't be fooled by Marasco and her rubber stamp," May 13), who I understand has never had a conversation with Maria Marasco about any issues, I have. I am proud to support Marasco's campaign for the state representative seat in the 18th Essex District.

Marasco, a well-educated attorney, clearly stands in her own right for reform; in 1997 she won the Governor's Award in Excellence for cutting thou-

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sands of useless regulations on individuals and businesses. She has used her business skills to cut waste and duplication. She stands in her own right for reforming health care without risking our safety. Currently, she is working for a health-care organization and can work with pharmaceutical companies to come up with new ideas where Democrats have failed us year after year.

She also stands on her own right for defending our democracy. Marasco has the courage of her convictions and a basic understanding of our constitution and laws to know that the voters have the right to decide deep, social issues. In contrast, Barbara L'Italien's record on the gay marriage issue shows she is not willing to let voters decide such issues. I have taken the time to look at L'Italien's record and believe she votes the party line for critical issues and those party votes are just costing us more in dollars and social structure each day.

After listening to Marasco, I have no doubt that, if she is going to listen to anyone, it will be Gov. Mitt Romney, and that she will be a voice for all of the voters in her district and not a selected few. I also am glad she is running because she will bring reform to the Statehouse, where Democrat's ideas and policies have continuously failed us — not to mention that they are getting a bit tired and destructive.

I know Marasco has enough credibility and respect for her fellow Andoverites that she will not resort to name-calling and will stick to the issues.

Steve Crowley
9 Roulston Circle



Jack Grady

How often is it a pleasure to see a funeral director? That was the case last Thursday, though, when Garry Burke came by the office. That is, until Burke dropped a bombshell by introducing his new business partner, Joel Magliozzi, and announcing his intention to retire in about six years.

An Andover tradition for three generations, the Burke Funeral Home is one of those rare businesses that seems to care about every last detail, letting us know whenever an obituary is coming in on deadline, or following up in the few-and-far-between cases where information such as the middle initial of a survivor requires fixing before publication.

This personal touch, honoring people's memories, is far above the standard procedure, judging from the sorry state of some of the obituaries we receive from out-of-town funeral homes.

New burgundy-on-grey business cards announce the new Burke-Magliozzi partnership, and while we congratulate the partners, we appreciate that the transition will be a long one.

Speaking of business cards, what is up with the design on the card being handed out by Deborah Jones, who is challenging Andover's state Sen. Sue Tucker? The blazing gold stars, set against a purple background, look like something from the Psychic Friends Network — or an astrology fair. I don't think the outcome of the race is going to be in the stars as much as it's already in the cards.

Stung by all the corporal criticism in the new movie *Supersize Me*, McDonald's is serving up some new menu items to promote a healthy, active lifestyle. On hearing the radio commercial for its "Go Active!" adult Happy Meals, I thought the company was just trying to head trouble off at the pass, until I heard they were also handing out pedometers to patrons of the Golden Arches. This way, customers could see how far they were walking — even if it's only

back out to their cars in the parking lot.

Maybe it's just me, but it seems that going to McDonald's for a pedometer is like going to a crack house to buy rosary beads.

Just wondering — Is it still considered unpatriotic to refer to "freedom fries" by any other name?

And speaking of commercials, it struck me as a bit unseemly that a Fox News panel last week was up in arms that there was less support now for the war in Iraq after the release of more disgraceful photos from Abu Ghraib prison and the killing of American Nicholas Berg. Then Fox went to a commercial showing a sweeping vista of an offshore oil rig, with a message brought to you by ConocoPhillips, one of the major US oil companies looking to play a considerable role in developing post-war Iraq's oil exports. (That's assuming there is a post-war Iraq.)

Covering the conflict? To Fox News, that means conflict of interest.

It will be interesting to see whether the Andover School Committee has learned from the error of its secretive ways. Hiding facts from the public routinely took place during the last dozen years. Now the committee is wrestling with just how to record the minutes of its meetings so that they actually shed some light on what happens during sessions the public is not invited to.

The public might not feel invited, but committee members might, especially if they were recognized on a national level. Vice President Dick Cheney's super-secret energy task force met three years ago, and the White House still refuses to disclose which oil and gas executives and lobbyists were on the panel.

The case *Cheney vs. US District Court* is pending before the Supreme Court, but it would not surprise me to learn Cheney and Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia were so impressed with the Andover School Committee's penchant for secrecy, the two have extended a warm invitation to its members to go duck hunting with them the next time they fly down to Louisiana.

► Jack Grady is assistant editor of the *Townsmen*. Have a comment on this column? Send it to: jack@andovertownsmen.com.

THE THURSDAY FILE

You cannot depend on your eyes when your imagination is out of focus.

MARK TWAIN

I don't need time. What I need is a deadline.

DUKE ELLINGTON

Every man is the architect of his own fortune.

SALLUST

I used to think I was poor. Then they told me I wasn't poor, I was needy. Then they told me it was self-defeating to think of myself as needy. I was deprived. Oh, not deprived, but rather underprivileged. Then they told me that underprivileged was overused. I was disadvantaged. I still don't have a dime. But I have a great vocabulary.

JULES FEIFFER

I live in the present. I only remember the past, and anticipate the future.

HENRY DAVID THOREAU

With stress levels continuing to rise all over the world, people are becoming more conscious not only of the long-term effects of stress, but also of how unmanaged emotions compromise the quality of one's day-to-day life, limiting mental clarity, productivity, adaptability to life's challenges and enjoyment of its gifts. At the same time, most of us have experienced how positive emotional states, such as appreciation and care, add a quality of buoyancy and coherent flow to our lives, significantly enhancing our efficiency and effectiveness.

RESEARCH OVERVIEW: THE INSTITUTE OF HEARTMATH

Drive thy business or it will drive thee.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

When you have given nothing, ask for nothing.

ALBANIAN PROVERB

He who has a thousand friends has not a friend to spare, and he who has one enemy will meet him everywhere.

ALI IBN-ABI-TALIB

The Oscar Wilde quotation

Consistency is the last refuge of the unimaginative.

About 'Thursday File'

STEVE MACDOWALL STARTED THE FILE ON THE INTERNET. THE WEB SITE FOR HIS CREATION IS WWW.HUDSON-VANLOO.CA AND IT OFFERS QUOTATIONS SUCH AS THESE.

LETTERS

Better than laptops

Editor, Townsman:

I was actually somewhat pleased to see the laptop program ending because I don't think laptops are an appropriate computer platform for our elementary-school students, because of their cost as well as their size and weight, especially if the opportunity is limited.

Hand-held computers such as Palm Pilots or Pocket PC's retail for as little as \$100 for monochrome models, which is not much more than the more limited scientific calculators used successfully in some school math programs. More expensive color models are still a fraction of the cost of a laptop and not as much of a burden to transport. While most people think of hand-held computers as merely personal organizers, they are actually more powerful than the first generations of desktop computers and are quite capable of supporting a wide range of software including word processing, numerical analysis, and charting applications. They can support external attachments like keyboards for text entry or scientific instrumentation for gathering experimental data, and there are programs from the manufacturers to support educational use.

In my opinion, a program using more affordable devices that would be available to all students would be a better use of resources.

Rick Pike
33 Mohawk Road

With Memorial Day, remembering one family's fight for freedom

Editor, Townsman:

In the late 1860s Patrick Cronin and his new bride Katherine (Barry) were married in Connemara, Ireland, then walked to Cork to board a ship ready to sail to Boston, Mass. When they arrived at the pier in Cork, Patrick was kidnapped and conscripted into the British Navy. He told his new bride to get on the ship for America. Well, as "Nana" (Katherine) told me, "As luck would have it, a year later that ship came into Boston Harbor and your grandfather jumped off and swam ashore. A couple of days later, he found me."

Well, Patrick and Kate had five children and my father was the youngest, born in May 1911. His name was William Joseph Cronin. About 1935, he met an Irish Colleen from Lawrence - Anna Marie Murphy. They were married and had four boys: Paul W., William, Leo J. (me) and John Patrick. Paul and Bill first lived in Old Harbor Village in South Boston (the first American housing projects). Then all four of us lived in the Ballardvale section of Andover, and then downtown Andover.

Paul was our oldest brother. While working his way through college as an electrician, he and his wife were raising two kids. At 22, he was about to begin his dream of entering into politics. He ran for Andover selectman and won. His family and friends all worked hard and it paid off. We were all proud. Later he became a state representative in our district, graduated from Boston University, receiving two degrees, in political science and economics. Soon thereafter, he received a master's degree from the first graduating class of the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

In 1967, Paul became the administrative assistant to US Congressman F. Bradford Morse, in the 5th District. Three years later, President Richard Nixon appointed Morse to be the Under-Secretary General of the United Nations and the 5th Congressional seat opened up! Even though the district was 2 to 1 Democrat, it had been held by Republicans for years. By this time, Paul had paid his dues and decided to run for the 5th Congressional seat. So did 13 other people. One of them was John Kerry. Paul won his primary and Kerry won his. I worked for Paul for 360 straight days as did many of his friends and our family, which then extended from South Lawrence to South Boston. It was exciting.

During that time, gas prices were high, unemployment was high, the Vietnam War was in full swing and John Kerry (in uniform) and his usual 20 to 30 fellow war protesters were telling the world that they were against the war while our troops were dying each day. This infuriated many veterans from World War II, Korea and Vietnam. One in particular was Joe Horan, a special family friend. Horan had survived the Bataan Death March, four years as a POW, and was the recipient of the Silver Star. He and many of those veterans had once lost their freedom, but they fought and risked their lives so that we could live free in this great country. Horan organized the veterans throughout the 5th District. Veterans like our brother Bill were furious that negative comments were being made about our country every day. Family friends, 5th District members of my father's Union IBEW #103 and blue-collar workers worked non-stop. We met daily at the soda fountain in

the Andover Spa and throughout the 5th District always going to functions that were being held for Paul. Tickets were being sold for \$20 to \$25 at the same time Kerry was going to cocktail parties in New York City and Hollywood, Calif., collecting tens of thousands of dollars.

It was tough to campaign against that kind of money, but those veterans were an inspiration to Paul and all of us. They inspired him to keep moving forward. It ended up being the most expensive Congressional campaign in the US that year.

Paul W. Cronin won by more than 18,000 votes and won 20 of the 21 cities and towns in the 5th District. John F. Kerry was toast.

Our grandfather lost his freedom at one time, but he fought and risked his life to get to America so that his family would never lose its freedom. Because of him, our family has had wonderful opportunities in America. He taught us to be thankful of our freedom and to respect the office of the presidency. So I say once again, "Thank you, Grandpa Cronin, for jumping off that ship." God bless the president of the United States. God bless our armed forces that are fighting around the world for our freedom. God bless America.

I wrote this little story in memory of our brother the Honorable, Congressman, Paul W. Cronin who passed away several years ago. We all miss him. My brother Bill, drafted in 1963, commissioned Lieutenant in December, 1964 lives in Cocoa Beach Fla. My brother Judge John Patrick Cronin lives in Andover.

Leo J. Cronin
Clearwater Beach, Fla.

GAY MARRIAGE
1913 law grants states rights

Editor, Townsman:

Sen. Susan Tucker wants people to believe the 1913 law she voted to repeal was passed to ban interracial marriage. The full text of Chapter 207, Section 11, reads, "No marriage shall be contracted in this commonwealth by a party residing and intending to continue to reside in another jurisdiction if such marriage would be void if contracted in such other jurisdiction, and every marriage contracted in this commonwealth in violation hereof shall be null and void."

It makes no mention of interracial marriage or gay marriage, and would not ban it. Repealing this law is of no benefit to her constituents. What the law does is prevent exactly what is being attempted here, the usurpation of marriage laws of other states. People who live in Tucker's district can marry under Massachusetts law. Others are free to move here to enjoy the benefits of that law, but they, and Tucker, do not have the right to impose that law on whatever state they came from.

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Mark your calendars now for what has become one of Andover's premier events, next year's Service Club of Andover Dinner & Auction - Saturday, March 19, 2005 at the Andover Country Club.

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OBITUARIES

Mary C. Eldred

Retired from
Western Electric

Mary C. Eldred, 87, of Andover, died Friday, May 21 at Academy Manor Nursing Home in Andover.

She worked at Western Electric before retiring.

Born in Tewksbury, she was a member of St. Augustine Church in Andover, and volunteered at Andover Historical Society.

Members of her family include her sister, Louise A. (Eldred) Roberge of Lawrence; brothers, Richard J. Eldred and James J. Eldred; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Augustine Capital Campaign Building Fund, 43 Essex St., Andover, 01810; or to AVIS Land Purchase, P.O. Box 5097, Andover, 01810.

Arrangements were by Burke Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover.

Dr. Elizabeth Devadanam

Had long career as
a general practitioner

Dr. Elizabeth (Kotiah) Devadanam, 90, of Andover, died Wednesday, May 19, at her home.



Born in Hanumakonda, A.P., India, she received her medical degree from the Ludhiana Christian Medical College of UP, India. After a practice in India of 35 years as a general practitioner with the government, she came to the United States to be with her family.

She was the widow of Dr. K. Joseph Devadanam.

Members of her family include three sons, Joseph and his wife Sona Devadanam of Houston, Tex.; Vasanth Devadanam of Lawrence, and Vijay and his wife Meera Devadanam of Haverhill, Pa.; two daughters, Shanthi Devadanam Usha and Ashish Chatterjee, both of Andover; a brother, Jessie Albert of Hyderabad, India; seven grandchildren; and several nieces and

Memorial service Saturday for Lise Witten

There will be memorial service Saturday, May 29, at 11 a.m. in Kemper Chapel (on the lower level of Cochran Chapel at Phillips Academy) to celebrate the life of Lise Witten, faculty emerita, who died Feb. 9, in Andover.

Born in Paris in 1908, Ms. Witten was educated in Germany, and came to this country in the 1940s. She taught history at both Abbot Academy and Phillips Academy until the early 1970s.

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Arrangements were by Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Ludhiana Christian Medical College, c/o 5 Belle Isle Way, Andover, 01810

Genevieve V. Combe Ross

Chief word processor
at the N.J. statehouse

Genevieve V. Combe Ross, 83, known to her friends as "Jean," died Monday, May 3 at home in Westville, N.J.

Born in Trenton, N.J., she lived in North Andover and Andover for many years.

She returned to Trenton and was chief word processor at the New Jersey statehouse until her retirement.

Her many interests included reading, traveling, sewing, gardening, home decorating, cooking and entertaining.

She always had blue collies, cats and once had a potbelly pig.

Members of her family include her stepdaughter, Ann and her husband Bill Wood, and their children, with whom she lived; and a great-grandson.

Services were held Thursday, May 6, under the direction of McGuinness Funeral Home, Woodbury, N.J.

Memorial contributions may be made to her favorite charities, which were St. Jude's Hospital and the Special Olympics.

Robintina Abate Wilson

Was AHS '89 grad

Robintina Abate Wilson, 33, of Atkinson, N.H. died Tuesday, May 18 at home.

Born in Haverhill and raised in Andover, Mrs. Wilson graduated from Andover High School with the class of 1989. She attended Holy Angels Church in Plaistow, N.H.

Members of her family include her parents, George J. and Alice (Friedrich) Abate of Atkinson; son, Collin "Sky"; daughter, Holly; brother, Shawn G. Abate of Atkinson; sister, Alisa Chagnon of Methuen; three nephews; and a niece.

Private calling hours and funeral services were held at Brookside Chapel & Funeral Home, 116 Main St., Route 121A, Plaistow.

Christopher Sherman

Was a physicist at
Hanscom Field

Christopher Sherman, 81, of Andover, died Friday, May 21 at home.

Mr. Sherman served in the Army Air Corps during World War II and was a physicist at Hanscom Field in Bedford for many years.

Members of his family include his wife Lillian (Gutkowitz) Sherman; sons, Steven Sherman and his wife Maaik of Israel, and Michael

Sherman and his wife Aviva of College Station, Tex.; five grandchildren; and a niece and nephew.

Services will be held at the family's convenience and under the direction of H.L. Farmer & Sons Funeral Homes, Haverhill and Bradford.

Hazel M. Higginbottom

Longtime resident

Hazel M. (Dunham) Higginbottom, 99, of North Andover and formerly of Andover, died Friday, May 21 at Meadows Center in North Andover.

Born and educated in North Andover, Mrs. Higginbottom graduated from Johnson High School. She lived most of her adult life in Andover.

She was a member of the Trinitarian Congregational Church in North Andover, and a member of its Alpha Phi Chi.

She was the widow of Tom L. Higginbottom.

Members of her family include son, David A. and his wife Sheila Kidd of North Andover; and one grandchild.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Trinitarian Congregational Church, 72 Elm St., North Andover, MA 01845.

Arrangements were by Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home, 17 Third St., North Andover.

DEATHS

Javaid Asar
Virginia Carvell, 93
Dr. Elizabeth Devadanam, 90
Frank T. DiResta, 45
Mary C. Eldred, 87
Hazel M. Higginbottom, 99
Mitchell J. Jankowski, 82
Vera E. O'Connell, 86
Genevieve Combe Ross, 83
Christopher Sherman, 81
Nicola Valentini, 70
Robintina Abate Wilson, 33

DEATHS ELSEWHERE

ASAR — Javaid Asar, of Londonderry, N.H., died Monday, May 24 at home. Members of his family include his daughter, Saleha (Asar) Walsh and three grandchildren, Ryan, Kara and Daniel Walsh, all of Andover.

JANKOWSKI — Mitchell J. Jankowski, 82, of Methuen, died Thursday, May 20 at home. He was the maintenance foreman at Phillips Academy in Andover for 20 years before retiring in 1987.

O'CONNELL — Vera E. (Nicholson) O'Connell, 86, of Salem, N.H., died Friday, May 21 at home. She was a tax examiner for the Internal Revenue Service in Andover for many years.

Nicola Valentini

Owned Bill's Bakery
in Georgetown

Nicola "Nicky" Valentini, 70, of Andover, died Wednesday, May 19 at Caritas Holy Family Hospital in Methuen.

Born in Italy, Mr. Valentini owned Bill's Bakery in Georgetown and lived in Georgetown and Boston before moving to Andover eight months ago. He was a member of the Sons of Italy Assonia Council in Boston.

Members of his family include daughters, Annamaria Valentini of Italy and Eleanor "Lee" D'Avolio and her husband Michael of Andover; son, Nicholas Valentini of Georgetown; siblings, Vincenzo, Antonio and Yolanda, all of Argentina; and six grandchildren.

Arrangements were by Cota Funeral Home, 335 Park St., North Reading.

Virginia Carvell

Longtime resident

Virginia (Bixler) Carvell, 93, of Nashua, N.H. and a former longtime Andover resident, died Monday, May 24 at the Southern New Hampshire Medical Center in Nashua.

Born in Youngstown, Ohio, she graduated from Lakewood High School, Lakewood, Ohio, The New England Conservatory of Music and Boston University. She was a social worker in East Boston, was a music teacher at the Hobbs Junior High School in West Medford and gave private piano lessons.

Mrs. Carvell was a longtime

member of the Trinitarian Congregational Church in North Andover and served as children's choir director in the 1950s. She also attended St. David's Church in Kennebunk, Maine. She enjoyed walking on the beach, swimming, the ocean and the outdoors.

She was the widow of Chester E. Carvell.

Members of her family include her sister-in-law, Ruth Hubley of Brookpark, Ohio; two cousins; a niece; and three nephews.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow, Friday May 28, at the Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home 17 Third St. North Andover. Burial will follow in Ridgewood Cemetery, North Andover.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Trinitarian Congregational Church, 72 Elm St., North Andover, MA 01845.

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

100 Years Ago - 1904

Memorial Day is observed by 36 out of the 46 states in the Union.

Hardy and Cole are hurrying the work on the McKee Memorial building, having 15 men on the job.

The exterior of the Town House is receiving a fresh coat of paint this week. Henry C. Hitchcock & Co. is doing the work.

Alexander Ritchie will participate in the races of the New England Canoe Association, which are to be held at Manchester, N.H., next Monday. He will sport the Lawrence Canoe Club colors.

Prompt treatment of a slight attack of diarrhea will often prevent a serious sickness. The best known remedy is Dr. Seth Arnold's Balsam. Your apothecary, Albert W. Lowe, warrants it to give satisfaction.

Miss Lizzie Whittemore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Whittemore, had been confined to her home on Salem Street this week with an attack of German measles.

A break in the engine of the Marland Mill on Tuesday caused a temporary shutdown of a portion of the plant. Repairs were made during the afternoon so that work could be resumed Wednesday morning.

The pugilistic act of Thomas W. Pierce, the Topsfield millionaire, who whipped Edward Brown, a Salem photographer, may cost the former \$5,000. Negotiations are now on foot for a monetary consideration to settle the matter as balm for Brown's wounds.

The naked "wild man" who some weeks ago terrified the people of Lynn, appears to have shifted the scene of his operations to Stoneham, where he has the timid in a state of panic.

75 Years Ago - 1929

Miss Theresa Sheehy of Haverhill Street, Lawrence has accepted a position as operator at the local telephone exchange.

Miss Agnes Murphy, formerly of Andover, has accepted a position as a governess in New

York City.

Lather Gulick, former Pynchard High baseball captain and football player, played for the Harvard varsity lacrosse team that defeated Williams, 8 to 0, at Harvard last Saturday. Gulick scored one of the Crimson goals. Invitations are out for the wedding of Miss Isabel Templeton Caldwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Caldwell of High Street and David Anderson of Essex Street, well known soccer player. The wedding and reception will be held in Fraternal Hall on June 8.

Blanchard Frye of 63 Elm St. is arriving home on the S.S. *Aquitania*, due to dock at New York today. Mr. Frye has just completed an eight-week's business trip through England, France, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Holland and Italy. He is display manager for William Filene & Sons Co., and has been purchasing objects of art for decorations.

The trustees of Philips Academy have set aside 165 acres of land, including large tracts of woodland, open fields and scrubland for the bird sanctuary that is now being established. About 275 pheasants and more than 100 water fowl, all of high breed stock, have been purchased and are now breeding. Most of these birds were obtained from a bird sanctuary on Long Island, while others were obtained from a sanctuary on Spesutis Island, Aberdeen, Md.

WANTED — A salesman with light car to cover an established tea and coffee route in Andover and South Lawrence. Apply to Grand Union Tea Co.

FOR SALE — A two-horse dump cart and set of double harnesses. Frank E. Dodge, Telephone 262-W.

50 Years Ago - 1954

Tribute to a bus driver who has transported children of the town to various schools for half a century without and accident was paid to Alvah P. Wright at a testimonial dinner Tuesday night in the Central Elementary School cafeteria.

Various swimming stunts will be exhibited by the girls of the Andover Youth Center who will present their Spring Splash at Phillips Academy's swimming pool at 8 p.m., Friday, May 28.

Last Wednesday, Brownie Troop 59 enjoyed a hike to Ernest Anderson's chicken farm where they were privileged to see the baby chicks.

The combined youth groups of the Congregational and Methodist churches are being hosts to the Andover Youth Council Sunday afternoon. They will enjoy a canoe trip and picnic up the Shawsheen River.

The NDIA will sponsor a barn dance on the Old North schoolhouse on River Road, at 7:45 p.m., May 22.

Bruce Stewart, a student at Norwich University, spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Stewart of High Plain Road.

James Joseph Mark Curry, 96 Chestnut St., has been awarded a regular freshman scholarship at Harvard.

Andover's two teams in the Suburban Little League will open the season here when they meet on the playstead, Sunday, June 6.

A nature walk through the P.A. bird sanctuary will be held by the Andover Junior Garden club at 3:15 p.m., Tuesday, May 25, starting from the Central elementary school. Refreshments will be served in Mrs. Frank M. Benton's garden.

WANTED — WOMAN to assist with housework one day a week. Telephone Andover 2080.

FOR SALE — 1953 Buick Riviera. Custom interior. Low mileage. Call Andover 1768.

25 Years Ago - 1979

In an effort to resolve the town's trash collection problems, Town Manager Jared S. Clark hired two additional private trucks Wednesday and had the regular contractor increase his service to three trucks.

Industrial construction valued at more than \$13.5 million tops the list of building permits issued by the town during April. Raytheon Co. took out a permit for a \$5,886,900 missile assembly building at 350 Lowell St.

Women in Political and Governmental Careers, a year-long credit program at Boston College combining education and internships in government, is now interviewing for 1979-80. For information contact Programs for Women, 885 Centre St., Newton.

The Patriotic Holiday Committee, assisted by local veterans organizations, will replace the American Flags on the graves of all veterans interred in Andover Cemeteries, prior to Memorial Day.

Water — distributing it and

collecting it — got \$2 million for improvements through town meeting action Tuesday night. Voters approved a \$1 million program to improve storm drainage systems throughout the town, accelerating an annual program of appropriating \$100,000 to do the job piecemeal. They also have approval of \$1 million worth of improvements to the town's water distribution system.

Six members of the League of Women Voters of Andover will be among the 360 delegates to the League's Biennial State Convention May 23-24.

A historic performance of Henry Purcell's opera *Dido and Aeneas* will take place at Phillips Academy on May 25 and 26 at 8 p.m. in Cochran Chapel. The academy chorus will join the student dancers and instrumentalists to produce what may well be the first complete secondary school performance of Purcell's celebrated opera.

Formation of an organization for teenage children from single parent homes was announced today by the Merrimack Valley chapter, Parents Without Partners (PWP).

The Andover East Junior High boys' gymnastic team ended its season with a win over Andover West at their annual meet.

Despite rumors of a move to defeat funds for repair of the Bancroft roof and force the school to close down, the \$195,000 warrant article received the overwhelming support of town meeting Tuesday night.

10 Years Ago - 1994

After months of meetings and strategy sessions, presentations and phone calls, supporters of the \$40.5 million in school projects finally let loose and celebrated. By votes of 4,205 to 3,543, and 3,870 to 3,862, the town passed both ballot questions to allot money to the school system.

Maria Marasco, of 191 Holt Road, is seeking the Republican party's nomination to run for state Senate, the seat currently held by Democrat John D. O'Brien Jr., who is also from Andover.

Andover's own Music Man, Keith Gould, music teacher in the Andover schools for 35 years and music director at South Church for 26 years, is retiring from both positions at the end of next month.

The Andover Bicycling Committee is sponsoring a casual bike ride on Sunday. The group will leave from the Town Offices parking lot on Bartlet Street at 1:30 p.m. and ride approximately 10 miles along a variety of roads in Andover.

— Compiled by Townsman intern Jaclyn Todisco

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Arts & Entertainment

EVENTS CALENDAR

Thursday, May 27

Award presentation, the annual *Friends of Merrimack College* award will be presented to Andover resident Jim Doherty for his lifelong commitment and support of the college, 6 p.m., call for ticket price, Andover Country Club; 978-837-5121.

Celebration, an interactive, living-well celebration offered by the Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley: *Aging Well, Living Well in the Merrimack Valley*, with demonstrations and more, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., free, 360 Merrimack St., Bldg. 5, Lawrence; 978-683-7747, Ext. 350.

Music, Capo's presents Waking Grey, 8 p.m., \$8, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

Friday, May 28

Concert, the Symphony and Chamber Orchestras of Phillips Academy will present a concert featuring selections from Mozart, Chausson and Dvorak, 7:30 p.m., free, Cochran Chapel, 180 Main St.; 978-749-4995.

Jazz, Jazz at Bainbridge presents, The Tony Lada Quartet in concert, 7:30 p.m., \$5 cover, 75 Princeton St., No. Chelmsford; 978-251-8670.

Comedy, Dick Doherty Comedy Productions presents Stephanie Peters, Mike Cote, Jake Daniels; 9:30 p.m., \$12, China Blossom, Routes 125 and 133, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Music, Capo's presents Vance Gilbert, 8 p.m., \$16, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

Saturday, May 29

Concert, Phillips Academy Music Department presents a spring choral concert featuring performances by the Phillips Academy Chorus and Fidelio Society, 7 p.m., free, Cochran Chapel, 180 Main St.; 978-749-4995.

Concert, Phillips Academy Music Department presents a senior recital, featuring Pooja Sripad and Shauni Deshmukh, 9 p.m., free, Graves Hall, 180 Main St.; 978-749-4995.

Music, Capo's presents Avery, 8 p.m., \$8, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

Comedy, 9:30 p.m., \$12, *See Friday, May 28* entry.

Sunday, May 30

Music, Capo's presents Avery, 8 p.m., \$8, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

Monday, May 31

Memorial Day

Observance, see page 2 for Andover events.

Music, Capo's presents Melissa Ferrick, 8 p.m., \$20, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

Tuesday, June 1

Musical, *Tom Jones: The Musical*, the classic novel and award-winning movie is now a bawdy new musical that runs through June 20, 8 p.m. (various times depending on day), \$63 and \$30, North Shore Music Theater, 62 Dunham Road, Beverly; 978-232-7200.

Chamber music, Music at Eden's Edge, the North Shore's own resident chamber music ensemble, presents the opening program of its 2004 summer concert series, featuring the works of Mendelssohn, Barber and Ives, 2 p.m., free, Northshore Unitarian

Universalist Church, 323 Locust St., Danvers; 978-768-6229.

Music, Capo's presents Melissa Ferrick, 8 p.m., \$20, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

Wednesday, June 2

Music, Capo's presents Folken Word Open Mic with Oen Kennedy, 8 p.m., call for price, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

Thursday, June 3

Music, Capo's presents Ryan Montbleau band, 8 p.m., \$8, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

Chamber music, Rockport Chamber Music Festival opens its 23rd season at the Rockport Art Association with an opening gala night concert and reception, 8 p.m., call for price, Hibbard Gallery, Rockport; 978-546-7391.

Friday, June 4

Storyteller, Local storyteller Lani Peterson, with stories *Learned Along the Way*, will appear at Andover Bookstore, 7 p.m., free, 89 Main St.; 978-475-0143.

Chamber music, Music at Eden's Edge, the North Shore's own resident chamber music ensemble, presents the opening program of its 2004 summer concert series, featuring the works of Mendelssohn, Barber and Ives, 8:15 p.m., \$20, Hammond Castle, 80 Hesperus Ave., Gloucester; 978-768-6229.

Comedy, Dick Doherty Comedy Productions presents Jim Colliton, Greg Rodriguez, Lance Buchanan; 9:30 p.m., \$12, China Blossom, Routes 125 and 133, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Music, Capo's presents Bob Martin, John Cate, Sandy Spence, 8 p.m., \$10, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

Saturday, June 5

Theater in the Open, *Alice in Wonderland*, written by Lewis Carroll and directed by Jeffrey Rath, will be performed at Maudslay State Park on Saturdays and Sundays through June 27, all shows at 2 p.m., \$8 and \$5, Curzon Mill Road, Newburyport; 978-465-2572.

Gates & Gables: Tour of seven houses and five woodworking shops, Andover Historical Society's biannual tour will treat visitors to a look at seven Andover homes spanning more than 200 years of American architecture, from a late 18th-century barn to a 21st-century Georgian-inspired style, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; house tour tickets \$22, woodworking tour tickets \$15, or combination tour \$30, Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St.; 978-475-2236 www.andhist.org.

Chamber Music, Music at Eden's Edge, the North Shore's own resident chamber music ensemble, presents the opening program of its 2004 summer concert series, featuring the works of Mendelssohn, Barber and Ives, 2 p.m., free, King Hooper Mansion, 8 Hooper St., Marblehead; 978-768-6229.

Lawrence and the Arts, a day of celebration, featuring 45 artists as they create works onsite around the city for New Paint 2004, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., free, maps available around town and at the Essex Art Center (56 Island St., Lawrence); drop by the Essex Art Center to participate in art-making workshops, go on a tour of historic

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Poonam Ray, makeup specialist, and Sanjay Kaul, who plays the father in *The Voodoo Dancer*, on the set of the film.

The Voodoo Dancer, an independent film, shot in Andover & North Andover

'Supernatural' sophomore

By Ben Hellman

TEEN ACTOR KUNAL SHARMA has one foot in Andover and the other in Los Angeles. The Andover High School sophomore just finished filming for *The Voodoo Dancer* an independent film shot in Andover and North Andover. Sharma will spend the summer in Los Angeles where he already has an agent and a manager.

The Voodoo Dancer is a supernatural thriller about a boy possessed by the ghost of a teenage dancer. Eyedea Productions describes the film as exploring "how far a grandmother will go to save her teenage grandson's life, threatened by a ghost of a female dancer." Sanjay Kaul of Andover plays the boy's father.

Sharma said after reading the script he knew the part of the boy was for him. "It is very

challenging character (with) a wide range. I had to do this," he said.

The film finished shooting early last Friday morning, May 21, after a night shoot that had Sharma working from 1 a.m. to 5:30 a.m. Sharma said the hours fly by when he is on set. "It's so awesome (that you can't tell) how much time passes by," he said.

Sharma has acted and danced since he was 7. He has always mimicked and made up his own monologues, he said. This is the second independent film he has been in, and he has placed in acting and modeling competitions. Through the Barbizon Modeling and Talent Agency, Sharma found his way to the International Modeling and Talent Association convention recently, where he was a semifinalist in four areas.

Of 5,000 participants, Shar-

ma was given an honorable mention as junior actor of the year, was the first runner-up in junior dance, second runner-up in a competition that gave actors a short time to read a script before performing it, and was second runner-up for best head shot.

Sharma will head to Los Angeles when school ends for the year and spend the summer there. If he finds success, his family plans to move to let him pursue a career there, said his mother, Uma Sharma. She runs her own jewelry business and Sharma's father, Naresh Sharma, also runs his own business.



Kunal Sharma, a sophomore at Andover High, appears in a film that was just completed. *The Voodoo Dancer* is a supernatural thriller about a boy possessed by the ghost of a teenage dancer.

They would gradually move to the West Coast to support Sharma's dreams.

Sharma said he owes his success to his family's support. "They're the pillars of my strength, the roads to my success. Every step of the way I'm getting so much closer to my goal. At the same time, I've gotten so much support from my family," he said.

The Voodoo Dancer was produced and directed by North Andover resident Harbald Singh.

Darshan Thakkar, publicity coordinator, writes that the film "tests the lengths to which one will go to protect his or her family — no matter what the cost. The film portrays a person who must make a decision that will either result in shame or honor for the family."

The Voodoo Dancer is Singh's New York Film Academy graduate thesis film, and is expected to be released this summer.

Catherine Overfelt of New York plays the boy's mother. Overfelt has appeared in *Sex in the City*, *Last First Kiss*, and in the remake of 1940s *Detour*.

Arsh Mehrotra of North Andover plays the pivotal role of the boy's grandmother.

Junko Ray, known for performing Indian classical dance, plays the ghost.



Arsh Mehrotra of North Andover plays the role of grandmother in *The Voodoo Dancer*. Filmed in the home of Andover actor Sanjay Kaul, the movie's storyline explores "how far a grandmother will go to save her teenage grandson's life, threatened by a ghost of a female dancer."

Artists to paint Lawrence

Art auction will benefit Essex Art Center

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED Saturday, June 5 to see the work of 45 artists who have spent their day painting the breadth and details of the city of Lawrence.

In past years, artists have painted landmarks from Lawton's Hot Dogs to the Ayer Mill Clock Tower, from views of downtown to scenic vistas from the cemetery; working in paint, watercolor, and pastel. These fresh views of Lawrence will be auctioned off along with additional works in all media to support the mission of the Essex Art Center: "to make art accessible to all and to catalyze and nurture the creative potential of the Greater Lawrence community."

The evening will include exciting live and silent art auctions, the fabulous food of Simply Elegant, smooth-jazz music, and the opportunity

to celebrate and support art and community in the Immigrant City.

New Paint 2004 artists from Andover include Sandy Dukeshire, Arlene Greenspan, Diane Grieco, Janet Hamlin, Karen Harris, Karen Herman, Tamara Krendel and Rob Wilkie. Tom Edmonds, of Hollywood, Fla., former curator of the Andover Historical Society, will also be there.

For the third year, the festivities will take place in the artistically transformed lumberyard of the Jackson Lumber and Millwork, a family-owned Lawrence business. Henry Hyatt of Low Cost Exhaust, another longtime Lawrence business, will provide the centerpiece for this year's New Paint theme, "Art in the Heart of Lawrence," by creating a tin man with a big heart from used car parts.

NEW PAINT 2004 AUCTION

Saturday, June 5, 6 p.m.

Jackson Lumber & Millwork, 215 Market St., Lawrence

Tickets: \$45 in advance, \$55 at the door; reservations recommended

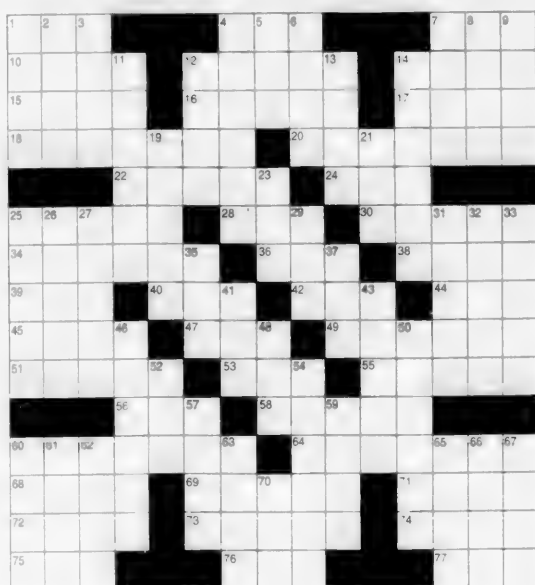


View the recent art works of members of the Saltbox Gallery, 49 Main St., Topsfield, throughout the months of May and June. The gallery features paintings in all media, as well as etchings, pastels, stained glass, hand-carved and stenciled objects and antiques of the 16 artists who represent the gallery. Above: *Roma Band, North End*, an acrylic painting by Anne Krapish. Call 978-887-3844 for more information.

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4. Hotel
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14. Bone up
15. Seasoning
16. Weapon
17. Air (prefix)
18. Butcher's implement
20. Occurs
22. African nation
24. Thai
25. Missiles
28. Pouch
30. Place
34. Sunflower State
36. Silent
38. Greenish blue
39. Business abbr.
40. Compass pt.
42. Flange
44. Pot
45. Man who built the arc
47. Been
49. Coiled rope
51. Reddish brown
53. Facial twitch
55. Syrup tree
56. Peanut butter brand
58. Card game
60. Beggar in Luke 16
64. Stopping place
68. Little Mermaid's love



69. Gone with the Wind's Mr. Butler
71. African river
72. Droop
73. Blue jeans
74. No longer for sale
75. Children's game
76. Last mo.
77. MGM's lion

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1. Pear type
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4. Stock
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6. Curve
7. Linden, for one
8. Take in

9. Famous cookies
11. Groups of trees
12. Horse fly
13. Peachy
14. Per
19. Entry permits
21. Pops
23. Ewe's mate
25. Hides
26. Long boat
27. Take off the lid
29. Mutt
31. Outfit
32. Relating to the ear
33. Author of "The Inferno"
35. Compass pt.
37. Angular unit
41. Devour
43. Character in *Gone with the Wind*
46. Pirate
48. Mr.
50. Synthetic fabrics
52. Sky
54. Ritualistic
57. Fold
59. Welcome rugs
60. For fear that
61. Opera solo
62. Shriill noise
63. Cast off
65. Bowed string instrument
66. Woman's magazine
67. Remake
70. First woman

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downtown, and see music and dance performances by the city's youth, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; silent and live auction, dinner and dancing at Jackson Lumber, 6 p.m., tickets \$45 in advance, \$55 at the door; visitors in Lawrence can also enjoy the second annual Lawrence Celebration Regatta, at the Abe Bashara Boathouse, 1 Eaton St., 8:45 a.m.-3 p.m., on the Merrimack River; Leslie Costello or Helen Tory 978-685-2343 or leslie@essexartcenter.com.

Concert. Phillips Academy Music Department presents senior students performing in five individual concerts, 3 p.m., free, Cochran Chapel, 180 Main St.; 978-749-4995.



Trout Fishing in America

Music. Lynn Miles, a Canadian Juno award winner, appears at New Moon Coffeehouse, 8 p.m., \$15. Universalist Unitarian Church, Jct. of Routes 110 and 125. Haverhill; 978-373-9259.

Car wash. Community of Hope is holding its annual car wash at Chrystal's General Store, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., donation, Main Street, Tewksbury; 978-455-9788.

Free concert. Haskell Small, pianist and composer, will appear at Memorial Hall Library, 2 p.m., free, Elm Square; Norma Gammon 978-623-8201, www.mhl.org.

Trout Fishing in America. a musical duo brings their music, humor and inspiration to the Rogers Center at Merrimack College in a return engagement, 2 p.m., \$10 in advance (\$35 family four-pack), Rogers Center for the Performing Arts on the campus of Merrimack College; box office 978-837-5355.

Concert. Cantemus Chamber Chorus and Combo will perform *Fascinating Rhythm: Madrigal, Spirituals, Gospel - and Gershwin*, 7:30 p.m., \$15 (\$10 seniors), Christ Church, 149 Asbury St., Hamilton; www.cantemus.org.

Comedy. Dick Doherty Comedy Productions presents Jim Colliton, Greg Rodrigues, Lance Buchanan; 9:30 p.m., \$12, China Blossom, Routes 125 and 133, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Music. Capo's presents Flynn w/Meika Pauley, 7 p.m., \$20, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

Sunday, June 6

Concert. Flutist Julia Scolnik of Andover, along with pianist Randall Hodgkinson and cellist Jan Muller-Szaraws, will perform *The Flandering Flute*, a program of works not written for the flute, 4 p.m., call for price, 1 Follen St., Cambridge; 617-876-0956.

Walk for Humanity. Greater Lawrence Habitat for Humanity is having their second annual Walk for Humanity, a four-mile walk through the Habitat neighborhoods in Lawrence, walk goes from 9 to

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ENTERING ANDOVER

By Neil Fater and Don Mathias



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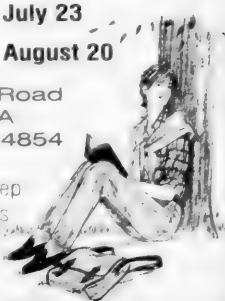
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11 a.m. (registration is from 8 to 9 a.m. at Lawrence Heritage State Park); 978-681-8858.

Penny Auction. Ruth's House Penny Auction and family fun day, including stuffed animals, grab bags and face painting, 12-5 p.m., free, 576 Primrose St., Haverhill; 508-521-5575.

Spring concert. St. Robert Belarmine Parish will present their spring concert, featuring gospel music, 3 p.m., free, 198 Haggetts Pond Road; 978-683-8922.

Music. Capo's presents Family Fun afternoon, 3 p.m., \$5 donation, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.



Featured in the Neil Simon comedy *Rumors* at the Amesbury Playhouse, Amesbury, are (front row, from left) Jill Hasselbacher and Beverly Marzoli of Haverhill, Donna Story of Merrimack, and Alicia Palumbo of Amesbury. (Back row) Mark Nichols of Haverhill, Paul Gallant of Lynn, Charlie Smith of Newton, N.H. and Tom Seiler of Nottingham, N.H. The show starts tomorrow, Friday, May 28 and runs through June 20. Call 978-388-9444 for reservations.

Ongoing

Art Exhibitions

Addison Gallery of American Art. *The Art of David Ireland: The Way Things Are*, through July 18; and *Art, Artists, and the Addison: Building a Collection*, through July 31; gallery hours Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 1-5 p.m., Addison Gallery of American Art, Phillips Academy; 978-749-4015, www.addisongallery.org.

Alpers Fine Art of Andover. one-man show by Andy Newman (new and recent paintings), through June 6; gallery hours: Wednesday and Thursdays 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-10 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 2 Main St.; 978-470-0013, alpersfineart.com.

Andover Historical Society. tour the Amos Blanchard House and Barn Museum for a glimpse into life in the early 19th century, Tuesday through Friday 1-4 p.m., \$5 admission.

sion, students \$3, 97 Main St.; 978-475-2236, www.andhist.org.

Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology. *Objects and their Meanings: Historical Highlights of the Peabody*, displays ethnographic objects from the museum's collections of North and South America and a series of photographs that illustrate the activities of the museum's key people during the last century; Tuesday through Saturday, noon-5 p.m., by appointment only, free admission, Phillips Academy campus, 175 Main St.; 978-749-4490.

Essex Art Center. exhibit on display promoting New Paint 2004; on June 5, 45 artists who will be painting for the Essex Art Center in Lawrence's 6th annual fundraising

auction will set up their easels, oils, acrylics, pastels, and watercolors to capture a scene in Lawrence, from themselves to the mills, and the neighborhoods to the vistas and the works will be auctioned off that evening—even if they are still wet—to raise funds for the Essex Art Center's arts programs; the artists work ranges from hyperrealism to abstraction and from impressionism to assemblage; exhibition is through June 11; Elizabeth A. Beland Gallery, through June 11, *an instant - Giclee prints by Tora Nakamitsu and silver gelatin prints by Daron Perocchi*; reception and galleries are free and open to the public; Tuesday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Friday 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Essex Art Center, 56 Island St. Lawrence; 978-685-2343, www.essexartcenter.com.

Robert Lehman Art Center at Brooks School. *Nostalgic Journeys*, American illustrations from the collection of the Delaware Art Museum, through June 13; gallery hours: Tuesday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-noon, Sunday 2:30-5 p.m., 1160 Great Pond Road, North Andover; 978-225-6232.

Arthur Griffin Center for Photographic Art. Main Gallery: rare photographs from the Civil War, includes eight new images, through June 25; Emerging Artists Gallery: "short stories," unique perspectives on the ordinary by Concord-based photographer Robert Hannan, through June 11; Tuesday-Sunday, noon to 4 p.m., \$5 admission, Thursday admission is free all day, 67 Shore Road, Winchester; 781-729-1158, www.griffinmuseum.org.

Whistler House Museum of Art. Wednesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-4

p.m., 54, 243 Worthen St., Lowell; 978-452-7641.

Memorial Hall Library. Monday-Saturday 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Sunday noon-5 p.m., 978-623-8400, www.mhl.org.

McCoy Gallery. Merrimack College, hours Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., free admission, 978-887-5000, Ext. 4205.

Sakowich Campus Center. at Merrimack College, the Fireside and First floor lounges, call for hours, 978-837-5000, Ext. 4205.

McQuade Gallery. gallery room Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m.-11 p.m., Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, 11 a.m.-11 p.m., 5500, Ext. 4205.

Senior Center artists. fall artists participate in art classes and the "drop-in group" on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, art display of oils, watercolors, pencils, pens and ink, pastels and oriental brush art in the Music Room, Andover Senior Center, Whittier Court, 623-8421.

Montserrat College of Art Gallery. Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, noon-4 p.m., 23 Essex St., Beverly; 978-921-4242.

Flint Memorial Library. 1st Fl., 2nd Fl., North Reading; 978-663-1043, www.flintmemoriallibrary.org.

Churchill Gallery. Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Sunday, 12:30-5:30 p.m., 6 Main St., North Andover; 978-462-9891.

The State of the Art Gallery and Sculpture Garden. Rockport, Art Colony, Gloucester; 978-688-8884.

Cape Ann Historical Museum. Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., 27 Pleasant St., Gloucester; 978-283-0455.

The Saltbox Gallery. "Bold, Bright and Brassy," featuring new artwork by members, a cooperative of 15 artists from the North Shore, through June; Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., 49 Main St., Topsheld; 978-887-3844.

J. David Broudo Gallery of Art. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Endicott College, 376 Hale St., Route 127, Beverly; 978-232-2250.

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Laura Coombs Hills Gallery, Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m., 60 Water St., Newburyport; 978-465-8769, www.newburyportart.org.

Mingo Gallery, Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 252 Cabot St., Beverly; 978-927-5964.

Nevins Memorial Hall, 305 Broadway, Methuen; 978-686-4080.

Arlington Center for the Arts, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., 41 Foster St., Arlington.

Gelb Gallery at Phillips Academy, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, Sunday, noon-4 p.m.; 978-475-4419.

Bravos Arts Gallery, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., One East Main St., Georgetown; 978-352-8102.

Ayer Lofts Art Gallery, a cooperative artist space in Lowell, Thursday, 6-8 p.m., Saturday, Sunday, 1-4 p.m., 172 Middle St., Lowell; 978-970-3556 info@ayerlofts.com.

River Gallery, Thursday through Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., 4 Market St., Ipswich; 978-356-1559.

Ocmulgee Pottery & Fine Crafts, gallery hours Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 26 Market St., Ipswich; 978-356-1298.

Crescent Dragon Gallery, 59 Washington St., Haverhill; www.galleryoni.homestead.com/1.html

Walsingham Gallery, painter Dennis Perrin, gallery hours: Monday-Wednesday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m., 47 Merrimac St., Newburyport; 978-499-4411 www.thewalsinghamgallery.com.

Newburyport Art Association, Heidi S.D. Jackson in an exhibition entitled *Garden Portraits: Wicked Good Art*, sculpture and photos by Mark Brophy and Jane von Bosse, 65 Water St., Newburyport; 978-465-8769.

North Shore Arts Association of Gloucester, featuring sculptures, paintings, Pirate's Lane, Gloucester; 978-283-1857.

Erlach Gallery, gallery hours Tuesday through Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Sunday, noon-5 p.m., 96 Washington St., Marblehead; 781-631-1202.

Theater

Noises Off, considered by some to be the funniest farce ever written, is in production at the Amesbury Playhouse from May 28 through June 20, call in advance for various times and prices, 194 Main St., Amesbury; 978-388-9444.

Lizzie Borden, featuring Broadway actress Jayne Paterson, through May 30, call for times, 532, Stoneham Theater, 395 Main St., Stoneham; 781-279-2200.

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Museums and Historic Homes

Andover Historical Society, tour the Amos Blanchard House and Barn



Northern Essex Community College's Fringe Players will perform Charles Schultz's *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown* the first two weekends in June. Friday and Saturday shows are at 7:30 p.m. and the Sunday shows are at 3 p.m. Performers (from left) include Eric Salvi of Haverhill as Linus; Gina Kattar of Lawrence as Lucy; Emily Mooers of Haverhill as Sally; Mark Morrison of Haverhill, Charlie Brown; and Allan Mayo of Haverhill, Schroeder. Performances will be held in the Top Notch Theater, located in the Spurk Building on the college's Haverhill campus. For more information, contact Jim Murphy, director, at 978-556-3374, or jmurphy@necc.mass.edu.

Museum for a glimpse into life in the early 19th century: Tuesday through Friday 1-4 p.m. \$5 admission, students \$3, 97 Main St.; 978-475-2236, www.andhist.org.

Museum of Printing, 800 Massachusetts Ave., North Andover, featuring antique printing equipment, \$5 admission, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday, 1-8 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, 1-5 p.m.; 978-686-0450 or www.museumofprinting.org.

North Andover Historical Society, 153 Academy Road, North Andover, maintains two sites that feature museum galleries: 1789 Johnson Cottage, an artisan's home and workshop, and 1715 Parson Barnard House, depicting life from 1715-1830, 179 Osgood St., changing exhibits highlight local life from the 17th to the 20th century, library and archive, \$3 adults, \$1 children, \$2 seniors, Johnson Cottage, tours Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m. noon and 2-4 p.m., \$5 adults for a combined tour of both properties; 978-686-4035.

American Textile History Museum, *Let's Go Hawaiian* exhibition is a fanciful exploration of the fascination with Hawaii, its influence on mainstream culture, and a playful look at the cult of the Hawaiian shirt: more than 125 classic and contemporary shirts, most originating from the collection of Gary Moss, picture Hawaii's history, the beauty of its landscape, its popular culture, and lure as a tourist resort; exhibit runs through Sunday, June 20; ATHM, 491 Dutton St., Lowell; museum hours are Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday, and most holidays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed July 4; admission \$6 for adults; \$4 for students, seniors, and groups; free for children under 6 and museum members, parking is free, and the building is wheelchair accessible;

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Boott Cotton Mills Museum, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 400 Foot of John St., Lowell.

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Lawrence Heritage State Park, open daily, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., 1 Jackson St., Lawrence; 978-686-1655.

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Custom House Maritime Museum, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Thursday and Sunday, 1-4 p.m., 25 Water St., Newburyport; its Lowell Boat Shop, 459 Main St., Amesbury, Wednesday-Sunday, 978-388-0162.

Peabody Essex Museum, Havanna: Photographs by Robert Polidori, featuring 18 of the artist's large-scale images, from May 22 through Jan. 9, Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m.; \$12 adults, \$10 seniors \$8, students; free for children under 16; East India Square, Salem; 978-745-9500; 866-745-1876, www.pem.org.

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House of Seven Gables, Open daily 10 a.m.-5 p.m., extended hours until 7 p.m., through October, \$10 (2 for 1 admission for Essex County residents with proof of residency), 54 Turner St., Salem, 978-744-0991, www.7gables.org.

Meetings/Activities

Altrusa International/Merrimack Valley, a service organization that focuses on community needs, meets second and fourth Tuesday of each

month, 6:30 p.m., Chelmsford Public Library, Chelmsford; Arlene Miele 978-453-2531.

American Legion Andover Post 8, second Wednesday of the month, September to June, 7 p.m., Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlet St.; Ted Witman 978-683-9988.

Amnesty International, Merrimack Valley Chapter, meets second Monday of the month, McQuade Library, Merrimack College, 7:30 p.m.; Leslie 978-475-6960.

Andover Great Books Group, meets second and fourth Tuesdays, discusses book of the week, activity room, Memorial Hall Library, 7:30-9 p.m.; Jean McGeehan 667-9610.

Andover Tennis Club, for men, women and children, recreational singles, doubles and mixed doubles play at the intermediate level, \$65 family membership, \$40 single membership, Phillips Academy, www.andovertennis.org.

Bel Canto Singers, rehearsals Thursday evening from 7:30-9 p.m., St. John the Evangelist Church, 115 Middlesex St., North Chelmsford; 978-256-0783.

Business Network International (BNI), Wednesdays, 7:30 a.m., Denny's, Route 114, Lawrence; Edna 978-640-8919, or Steve 978-975-1328.

Business Network International, Haverhill Chapter, Fridays 7-8:30 a.m., Best Western Hotel, 401 Lowell Avenue, Haverhill, 603-475-3503, www.bni-haverhill.org.

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Sports

AHS ROUNDUP

Big win for boys volleyball team

First round of tournament tonight

By Rick Harrison

Saving its best for last, the Andover High boys varsity volleyball team capped regular season play with an impressive 2-1 upset victory over Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 power Haverhill at the Dunn Gym.

The win, which came on Senior Night and offered a huge confidence boost to the Golden Warriors heading into their MIAA Division 1 North Tournament first-round match tonight at Boston Latin Academy, halted a three-match losing streak and enabled the locals to finish with a winning record.

"I'm smiling," said head coach George Sullivan after the satisfying win. "The third game (33-31 overtime win) was the battle of battles. It was a classic. Outstanding volleyball with excellent blocking and hard hitting on both sides of the net."

"Kids were diving way out of bounds to make saves and everyone was hustling all over the court. I just stood there admiring the athleticism and watching all the hard work come together."

"Our kids played with a lot of pride," added Sullivan. "It makes our appearance in the tournament legitimate. We didn't back into our berth and that's significant."

Prior to this 30-19, 17-30, 33-31 stunner over the Hillies (15-5 record), Andover had stumbled down the homestretch with consecutive 2-0 losses to Chelmsford, this same Haverhill crew and St. John's Prep of Danvers.

Andover, 11-10 overall and 10-10 in MVC play, is the ninth and final seed in Division 1 North.

Tonight (7 p.m.) the locals travel to No. 8 seed Boston Latin Academy (11-7) for a best-of-5 tourney first rounder, with the winner earning a quarterfinal round spot against top seed MVC 1 champ Lawrence (18-2) next Tuesday night in Lawrence (7 p.m.).

The Lancers, who received a first-round bye, defeated AHS twice this season by 2-0 and 2-1 scores with the Golden Warriors giving Lawrence all it could handle in the latter match.

The rest of the North field includes No. 2 St. John's Prep (17-3), No. 3 Boston Latin High (14-4), No. 4 Haverhill (15-5), No. 5 Cambridge Rindge & Latin (13-5), No. 6 Billerica (13-7) and No. 7 Chelmsford (13-7).

The North champ moves on to the State semifinals on Thursday, June 10 at Hudson High against the Central Mass. champ (4 p.m.).

The State final is Saturday, June 12 at Endicott College in Beverly.

Brittany Moriarty, in a superb individual performance, rewrote the AHS

record books at the Merrimack Valley Conference Championship Track & Field Meet held at Lovely Field.

Junior standout Moriarty cut through the chilly evening air and broke a 27-year-old school record in the girls 800 meter run, finishing the race in 2:18.58 to help lead the Lady Warriors to a second-place team showing.

Moriarty comes from good stock with her father, Biff, a former standout athlete at AHS.

Other individual Andover winners in the MVC meet included Meghan Keefe and Ryan Durkin, while scoring well in two events each were Caroline Pierce, Vin Errico and Chris Cole.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Andover beat Haverhill without one of its captains, Sean Cummings, and with the other captain, Jake Kleinman, still nursing a hand injury.

Senior setter Cummings' AHS career ended prematurely when he suffered torn ligaments in his right ankle during a routine intra-squad scrimmage with about 10 minutes left at last Sunday morning's practice.

The ankle was fitted with a soft cast and he'll be sidelined at least two weeks.

Consensus All-Conference Jake Kleinman played the final three regular season matches with a thumb injury (dislocated), wearing a bandage part of the time and taking it off when it hampered his movement.

With only one match in the past week it is hoped the time off will bring him back close to 100 percent for the tournament.

To help compensate for the two costly injuries three players — Tyler Carroll, Luke Bruno and Mike Gianopoulos — were promoted from the undefeated JV team and are on the varsity roster for the tournament.

Andover 2 Haverhill 1

Jake Kleinman, switched to outside hitter because of the thumb injury, returned to the middle in the third game and helped spark the pulsating 33-31 triumph.

Kleinman finished with 13 kills, 33-for-43 hitting, one ace and 10-for-10 serving.

Ian McMahon had a solid night at the net with five kills and 19-for-21 hitting.

Chris James went 12-for-13 hitting, with three kills, and 17-for-18 serving with two aces.

Contributing one kill each were Darren McRoy (5-for-5), Alex Levine (5-for-6) and Jerry Mohan (3-for-6). Matt Jacobs was 4-for-5.



Offensive — Mike Ahern (right) takes a hit from the Chelmsford defense. Host Andover lost 9-6 to Chelmsford last Friday.

Loss nets laxmen piece of MVC crown

BOYS LACROSSE

By Rick Harrison

The Andover High boys varsity lacrosse team settled for a one-third share of the 2004 Merrimack Valley Conference championship after dropping a 9-6 decision to Chelmsford under the lights at Lovely Field.

That result left Andover, Chelmsford and defending conference champ Billerica with identical final MVC records of 5-2.

Overall the Golden Warriors, who qualified for the MIAA Tournament, stand at 10-6 which includes a recent 12-10 non-league win over Franklin and losses to Dual County League powers Concord-Carlisle (8-3) and Lincoln-Sudbury (12-3).

Tournament pairings

The tourney pairings are scheduled for release tomorrow (Friday).

Chelmsford 9 Andover 6

The Golden Warriors, who edged Chelmsford 4-3 earlier this spring, fell behind 4-1 after one quarter and never overcame the early deficit.

Sophomore midfielder Buddy Farnham netted a pair of goals and assisted on a third for the locals.

Senior attack Toby Cohen contributed one goal and two assists, sophomore attack Mike Lamagna added two goals and junior middle Eric Hanson had a goal.

Three of the AHS goals were scored in break-up situations as Chelmsford had penalty problems.

Junior goaltender Zach Gostanian finished with nine saves.

The Lions' top three marksmen led their assault as senior attack Scott Aronian (28 goals, 11 assist, 39 points) pumped in four goals, junior attack Andy Curtis (41-35-76) had two goals, four assists and junior attack Mike Adamson (30-28-58) two goals, two assists.

McRoy also finished 17-for-18 serving, with one ace, while Jacobs was 15-for-15, Sam Silverman 6-for-6, Pardeep Thandi 8-for-11 and Levine 3-for-3.

Defensively, Thandi went 20-for-23 passing/digging and Silverman was 20-for-25.

The overall statistics were considerably higher than the previous three matches, partly because there were three games and also because the Golden Warriors were much more aggressive.

Andover went 82-for-100 hitting, with 22 kills, and 76-for-81 serving with five aces.

In Senior Night activities, Andover 12th graders Cummings, Kleinman and McMahon were presented with

several gifts including balloons and volleyballs autographed by the entire team.

They also received special introductions and were ushered to center court with their parents.

JVs perfect

Coach Dennis Aikman's Andover JVs wrapped up a perfect 19-0 season with a 2-0 victory in the prelim. Both games were close with AHS pulling out 32-30 and 30-27 wins.

The balanced hitting attack was led by Patrick Hughes (13-for-15, two kills), Alex Day (12-for-14, two kills), Luke Bruno (10-for-11, four kills) and Mike Gianopoulos (10-for-12, two kills).

Top servers included Gianopoulos

(12-for-12, one ace), Adam Spang (10-for-10, one ace), Bruno (5-for-5, one ace) and Tyler Carroll (4-for-5).

This is the second straight year the AHS junior varsity has finished unbeaten.

Haverhill 2 Andover 0

In their final road match of the regular season, the Golden Warriors hung in with MVC 1 title challenger Haverhill before the Hillies registered a 30-25, 30-23 sweep.

AHS fell behind 9-1 and 13-2 at the start of the first game, but fought back to close within one or two points on several occasions.

"Every time we'd get close several errors would follow and suddenly we'd

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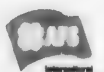
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AHS ROUNDUP

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

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be down by five or six again," said head coach George Sullivan. "Our inexperience cropped up again to hurt us."

"Our goal entering the match was to get more hits — but instead we gave them too many free balls. Our (hitting) percentage was a little better than the previous match against Chelmsford, but we ended up with fewer chances."

The locals were 58-for-69 hitting overall, with 16 kills, and 45-for-48 serving with two aces. Andover was also 100-for-124 passing.

Capt. Jake Kleinman, despite suffering a painful thumb injury in the first game, took almost half the team hits as he finished 28-for-30 with 10 kills. He also went 8-for-8 serving and 36-for-39 passing.

Other strong hitters were Jerry Mohan (8-for-11, two kills), Ian McMahon (9-for-13, one kill), Alex Levine (5-for-5, one kill), Darren McRoy (5-for-6) and Capt. Sean Cummings (3-for-3, two kills).

Sam Silverman finished 15-for-15 serving, with one ace, and Mohan went 6-for-8 with an ace.

McRoy was 6-for-6 serving, Levine 5-for-6, Matt Jacobs 3-for-3 and Cummings 2-for-2.

Joining Kleinman as defensive stalwarts were Pardeep Thandi (20-for-25 passing) and Silverman (9-for-10).

The Andover JV's came very close to their first loss, eventually squeaking out a come-from-behind 2-1 win by 33-35, 30-21 and 15-13 scores.

Top hitters were Pat Hughes (21-for-24, 10 kills), Luke Bruno (29-for-30, nine kills) and Alex Day (22-for-26, six kills).

Serving well were Adam Spang (12-for-13, one ace) and Mike Giannopoulos (10-for-10, one ace), while defensive standouts included Tyler Carroll (20-for-23 passing), freshman Greg James and Spang.

St. John's Prep 2 Andover 0

This 30-23, 30-25 SJP victory at the Dunn Gym mirrored the Haverhill match in many ways, with Andover staying close throughout but faltering when it had chances to tie or take the lead.

"With Jake (Kleinman) hurting, we had to scramble and change the lineup at the last minute," said coach Sullivan. "He played but didn't do as much hitting as usual."

"Several players stepped up to fill the void — but once again every time we'd get close we would lapse into undisciplined play like watching the ball drop (between players) or hitting into the net."

"We didn't have enough hits or serves to take control of the match," said Sullivan.

The locals finished 51-for-65



Mike Lamagna looks to pass around the defense of Chelmsford as Andover hosted Chelmsford last Friday. The 9-6 loss left Andover, Chelmsford and defending champ Billerica with identical final MVC records of 5-2. Tournament pairings (boys and girls) will be announced Friday.

hitting, with only seven kills, and 36-for-38 serving with three aces.

"The percentages weren't bad — but the numbers were way too low," said Sullivan.

Kleinman finished 14-for-16 hitting and Ian McMahon 13-for-14, with both registering three kills. Kleinman was also 6-for-6 serving with one ace.

Chris James (4-for-4) had the only other kill, while Jerry Mohan was 8-for-16 hitting, Alex Levin 4-for-5, Darren McRoy 3-for-3 and Matt Jacobs 2-for-4.

The other two aces were served up by McRoy (9-for-10) and Sam Silverman (8-for-9) while Sean Cummings, James and Levine were all 4-for-4 serving.

Pardeep Thandi went 17-for-21 passing.

The AHS junior varsity rolled to its 18th straight win, 2-0, by game scores of 30-16 and 30-15. Playing well were Adam Spang (9-for-9 hitting, three kills), Pat Hughes (12-for-13, two kills) and Luke Bruno (10-for-10 serving, two aces).

TRACK & FIELD

The Andover High girls track team placed second and the AHS boys were fifth at the annual Merrimack Valley Conference Championship Meet, held on an unseasonably cool evening at Lovely Field.

The Lady Warriors scored 107 points as runner-up to Tewksbury, which chalked up 132.5 points and handed retiring head coach and Andover resident Bob MacDougall a nice parting gift.

Central Catholic, the only

team to best the Andover girls in a dual meet this spring, placed third in the 10-school field with 97 points. Rounding out the top five were Chelmsford (68) and Haverhill (57).

Schedule

The Eastern Mass. Class A Meet is this Saturday at Cawley Memorial Stadium in Lowell (9:30 a.m.).

MVC CHAMPIONSHIP MEET Girls Division

Brittany Moriarty's record-shattering 2:18.58 performance in the 800 meters highlighted the Andover effort and it was worth 10 points.

Other AHS winners were junior long jumper Meghan Keefe (16'7 3/4") and the 4x800 relay (10:06.51).

Sophomore Caroline Pierce had a strong meet with a second place in the 100 meters (13.39 seconds) and third in the long jump (15'6 3/4").

Keefe also scored in two individual events, adding sixth in the 100 meter hurdles (17.95).

Joining Caroline Pierce in second were senior Capt. Amanda Carlson (200 meters, 27.46), sophomore 100 meter high hurdler Brittany Pierce (16.14) and the 4x100 sprint relay (51.87).

Finishing third were junior miler Michelle Pirro (5:33.97), sophomore 300 intermediate hurdler Jen Merinder (47.46), senior high jumper and Capt. Allison Kerivan (4'10") and junior pole vaulter Libby Fortner (8'6").

Chalking up fourth-place points in field events were two juniors, triple jumper Kelly Morrissey (33'8 1/2") and Felicia Thompson (discus, 92'7").

Taking fifths were sopho-

more sprinter Jess Prencipe (200 meters, 28.68) and the 4x400 relay (4:29.22).

Completing the scoring in sixth were freshman Chrissy Perocchi (100 meters, 14.27) and junior Whitney Domigan (javelin, 78'9").

Strong non-scoring performances in the running events were contributed by junior Emily Korba (7th, 400 meters, 63.69), miler Courtney Hamer (7th, 5:37.33) and junior Leslie Willey (11th, 5:45.57), two milers Jazzy Dingler (11th, 12:56.67) and sophomore Christie Nigh (12th, 13:02.32) and freshman Christine Conley (12th, 800 meters, 2:41.57).

In the field events, Brittany Pierce was 7th in the triple jump (33'3 1/2"), and other standouts were junior high jumper Corinne Welsh (9th, 4'2"), shot putters Jessie Shields (8th, 29'0") and sophomore Sarah Thompson (9th, 28'8 1/4").

Pole vaulters Kerianne Bartley and Lauren Keefe tied for 10th (6'0"), senior triple jumper Charlene Fielding was 10th (32'3 1/4"), and placing 12th were Capt. Maria Kostakis in the discus (75'4") and sophomore Casey O'Dea in the javelin (61'8").

Boys Division

The AHS boys piled up 59 points for fifth place, finishing behind runaway champ Central Catholic (110), Lowell (85), Methuen (71) and Tewksbury (65).

Picking up the lone win for the Golden Warriors was senior two-miler and Capt. Ryan Durkin (9:41.73).

Senior 300 meter intermediate hurdler and Capt. Vin Errico

placed second in one of the most hotly-contested races of the meet, his 40.70-second clocking a shade slower than winner Garrett Webb of Methuen (40.18).

Errico also finished fifth in the triple jump with a distance of 40'4".

Junior Chris Cole was the locals' lone runner-up with a top discus toss of 135'11," and he showed his versatility by taking fourth in the 110-meter high hurdles (16.16).

Nailing down thirds were the 4x100 sprint relay (44.56) and the 4x800 meter relay (8:19.09).

Earning a fourth-place was sophomore sprinter Pierre Hage (200 meters, 23.61).

Taking fifths were senior Capt. Ryan Donahue (100 meters, 11.79), senior long jumper Bruce Hilman (19'6"), junior shot putter Kyle MacKenzie (46'6") and the 4x400 relay (3:35.93).

Rounding out the scorers in sixth were junior miler James Primes (4:39.12), freshman high jumper Nate Baker (5'8") and senior triple jumper Matt Hill (39'9").

Placing just out of scoring range in 7th were junior Dave Chercallah (javelin, 148'2") and junior shot putter Mike Gustin (45'1").

Junior Geoff Stevens was 8th in the discus (113'1"), Kevin O'Brien 8th in the high jump (5'6") and junior Vasili Kostakis 8th in the 400 meters (53.99).

Sophomore Adam Cuomo took 9th in the triple jump (39'0") and junior Robert Kaufman 9th in the 400 meters (54.57).

Junior Erik Fosse placed 10th in the javelin (127'4") and sophomore Mike Baldwin 10th in the 800 meters (2:08.38).

Junior Alex Perry was 12th in the long jump (17'7 3/4"), junior Mike Cerchione 15th in the shot put (40'11"), junior Sasha Seletsky 15th in the deuce (10:56.91) and senior miler Brad Sherman finished 16th (4:56.89).

MVC Qualifying Meet

On the eve of the MVC Championship Meet, there were Qualifying Meets at Lowell (boys) and Tewksbury (girls) which provided a final opportunity for all participants to turn in State Meet qualifying performances.

The AHS boys had solid efforts from Geoff Stevens, who placed first in the discus with a toss of 115'6 3/4," and Justin Ferguson second in the javelin with a 133'0" throw.

Other standouts were Greg Moore (3rd, 300 hurdles, 45.8), John Federico (4th, javelin, 130'7"), Peter Brown (5th, two-mile, 10:42.5), John Kim (5th, shot put, 39'10 1/2") and 5th, discus, 86'4"), Adam Rice (6th, 800 meters, 2:17.9) and Andrew Wheelwright (6th, pole vault, 9'0").

GIRLS LACROSSE

The Andover High girls varsity lacrosse team dropped its league championship showdown against Billerica, as the Indians took the early lead and never faltered in a 10-6 triumph over the locals under the lights at the Marshall Middle School field in Billerica.

Billerica's 13th consecutive victory, after a 1-3 start, left it at 14-3 overall and 13-1 in North/Cape play.

Andover, which also slugged Lowell 15-5 in recent action, finished 12-2 in the league and was 14-3 overall heading into last night's non-league regular-season finale against Concord-Carlisle under the lights at Lovely Field.

Schedule

The MIAA Tournament pairings are scheduled for release tomorrow.

Leading scorers

Junior attack Maggie Lamond ranked among the top scorers in Eastern Massachusetts, boasting 53 goals and 33 assists for 86 points.

Capt. Stephanie Sweeney is also a consistent offensive threat for the locals with 37 goals.

Billerica 10 Andover 6

This game was halted by lightning with two minutes left to play.

The teams then waited the required 30 minutes for the weather to clear, and when it didn't Billerica was declared the winner (80 percent of the game must also be completed).

The Lady Warriors' offense never got untracked against BMHS All-Scholastic goalie Jamie-Lee Whiteway and the Indians' swarming seven-player defense.

Netting a goal each for the locals were Cpts. Stephanie Sweeney and Jeannie Lothrop, Kate Nichols, Ariana Miliotis and Krissy McSweeney.

Elissa Slovin was credited with eight saves in the Andover net and Whiteway made 10 stops.

Leading the way for Billerica was its 1-2 scoring punch of Ashley MacDonald and Shannon Burke.

MacDonald scored her 100th point of this season and 200th of her career, netting three goals and passing out four assists. She has 65-39-104 points this spring and 124 career goals.

Burke, with 72 goals and 99 points this year, scored twice and set up a third goal.

Shayla Sarno also scored a hat trick for Billerica.

Andover 15 Lowell 5

In the final tuneup before the Billerica showdown, the Lady Warriors scored 15 or more goals for the 10th time on the way to the convincing victory.

Sophomore Casey Salois had her best offensive game of the season with five goals, while Maggie Lamond and Bryanna Casey each contributed a hat trick.

Junior defense-wing Kate

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BOYS TENNIS

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Hsieh blitzed Taek Soo Kim 6-0, 6-0 at third singles.

Sophomores Julian Vastel and Seth Davidovits teamed for a 6-3, 6-2 straight-set triumph over Mark Juknovorian and Dave Andrews at first doubles.

Fellow AHS sophs Erik Krupnic and Seth Johnson clicked off 12 straight games in a 6-0, 6-0 sweep of Methuen's Jon Garcia and Reynaldo Santana.

BASEBALL

The Andover High varsity baseball team, a Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 co-champion and Division 1 North Tournament qualifier for the first time since 2001, stepped out of league play and blasted Revere, 13-2, in a makeup game at Peter Aumais Park.

That blowout win boosted head coach Ken Maglio's crew to 12-5 overall (9-4 in MVC).

Schedule

Andover played Revere again in a non-leaguer yesterday, after *Townsmen* presstime, and competes in the annual Lawrence Invitational Tournament this holiday weekend.

The Division 1 North Tournament pairings are scheduled for release next Tuesday.

All-Conference

The MVC All-Conference and All-Star teams were announced Tuesday night with Andover capturing two spots on both squads.

Senior third baseman Brian Buckley and senior centerfielder Jarrett Mackin are among the 15 players named All-Conference, while senior pitcher Kyle Ahern and senior catcher Ryan Shepard are Division 1 All-Stars.

Ken Maglio was voted the MVC Division 1 Coach of the Year.

The four players will be among those competing on the MVC 1 team that plays the best from the Dual County League in an All-Star Game next Tuesday night in Lowell (7 p.m.) at either LeLacheur or Stoklosa/Alumni Field (site unknown at presstime).

Andover 13
Revere 2

Kyle Ahern (5-2) pitched six innings of one-hit ball, fanning five and walking four, as the Golden Warriors blasted Revere in the non-leaguer.

AHS took a 4-1 lead in the second inning and broke the game wide open with a six-run explosion in the fourth. The final three runs came in the sixth.

Ryan Shepard powered the attack with a home run, double, three RBI and three runs scored.

Paul Malaguti added a pair of hits, two ribbies and he scored twice, while Brian Buckley laced a hit and drove in two runs.

Freshman Dan Godefroi belted a double and collected three RBI. Matt Iorio (two runs scored) and Alex Foley completed the attack with a hit and RBI each.

Revere pitchers also issued seven walks and hit a batter, while the Patriots were guilty of three errors to help hasten their downfall.

Godefroi's double was the key stroke in the four-run second, and Shepard's homer was one of only two hits in the fourth as the locals paraded 11 batters to the plate.

In the sixth a run-scoring single by Malaguti highlighted the uprising.

Senior Jon Volinski mopped up in the seventh, pitching a 1-2-3 inning in relief which including a strikeout to end the game on an emphatic note.

An RBI double in the top of the second was all that separated the Ahern/Volinski combo from a combined no-hitter.

SOFTBALL

The Andover High varsity softball team blasted Nazareth Academy of Wakefield, 13-0, and finished third in the annual Methuen Invitational Tournament after losing to North Andover and beating Lawrence (3-0).

Those results left the Lady Warriors at 12-6 overall and 9-3 in Merrimack Valley Conference Division 2.

If AHS wins its last two regular season games, both in the conference, it will earn at least a share of the league title.

Tewksbury gave the locals a helping hand in the direction of that division crown, defeating Dracut, 5-2, to drop the Middies into a first-place tie.

Schedule

The regular season ends this afternoon (Thursday) at Notre Dame Academy in Tyngsboro (3:30 p.m.).

The Division 1 North Tournament pairings are scheduled for release next Tuesday.

Andover 13
Nazareth Academy 0

In this makeup of a twice-postponed non-leaguer at Andover High, the issue was never in doubt as the Lady Warriors scored in each of the first four innings and rode the two-hit, shutout pitching of undefeated freshman Katie Anderson.

Anderson (3-0) continued to impress, and gave Caitlin Carpenter some welcome rest, as she tossed a complete-game two-hitter and struck out 10.

She had more than enough offensive support, led by Meagan Merinder who blasted a three-run homer.

Freshman Becky Cairns, the catcher whenever Anderson pitches, contributed two hits and two runs scored while Capt. Liz Pallotta also drilled two hits.

Adding a safety each against the visitors from Wakefield were Lindsey Timko, Maria Nasta, Emily Farmer (RBI) and Anderson.

Timko, Farmer and Nasta also scored two runs apiece as AHS reached

double figures for the third time this spring.

The locals had a pair of four-run rallies, in the second and fourth, and scored two runs in both the first and sixth innings.

SOFTBALL

ANDOVER 13, NAZARETH ACADEMY 0

Nazareth Academy — Hutchinson rf 3-0-1, Carroll 2b 3-0-0, Ciappina 3b 3-0-0, ALaurence 1b 2-0-1, JLaurence c 2-0-0, Bowen rf 2-0-0, Telafarro p 3-0-0, Koza lf 2-0-0, Cassagrande ss 2-0-0. **Totals:** 22-0-2
Andover — Lindsey Timko rf 2-2-1, Carolyn Ciampa rf 1-0-0, Maria Nasta 2b 4-2-1, Emily Farmer 1b 3-2-1, Lauren Vieira dp 1-0-0, Kristen Couture dp 1-1-0, Meagan Merinder lf 5-1-1, Liz Pallotta ss 4-1-2, Emily Cummings cf 1-1-0, Anastasia Sullivan cf 1-0-0, Katie Anderson p 3-1-1, Becky Cairns c 3-2-2. **Totals:** 29-13-9

ANDOVER 10, HAVERHILL 1

Haverhill — Lindsey Timko rf 3-1-1, Anastasia Sullivan rf 2-1-1, Maria Nasta 2b 5-1-0, Emily Farmer 1b 5-3-4, Lauren Vieira c 5-1-1, Meagan Merinder lf 4-2-2, Liz Pallotta ss 4-0-1, Caitlin Carpenter p 2-0-0, Emily Cummings cf 3-0-0, Carolyn Ciampa dp 1-1-0, Kristen Couture ph 0-0-0. **Totals:** 34-10-10
Andover — Maton ss 3-1-0, Tambressi rf 3-0-1, McIver 2b 3-0-0, Birch c 3-0-1, Wood cf 3-0-0, Kelley 3b 2-0-1, Gadd ph 1-0-0, Vlack dh 3-0-1, Spencer lf 2-0-0, Asbrook ph 1-0-0, Begin 1b 3-0-0. **Totals:** 24-1-4

Andover 012 034 0 - 10
Haverhill 000 001 0 - 1
RBI: A. Merinder 3, Farmer 2, Vieira 1, Pallotta 1, Carpenter 1. 2B: Merinder, Farmer. SF: Carpenter. WP: Caitlin Carpenter (8-5) 7ip 4h 1r 1er 0bb 10k

ANDOVER 1, CENTRAL CATHOLIC 0

Central Catholic — Mansor cf 3-0-0, April Englis 3b 2-0-0, Heather Aceto 3b 1-0-1, Lucas ss 1-0-0, Holly Englis 1b 3-0-1, Kannan 2b 3-0-0, Hillard rf 3-0-0, Foley lf 3-0-0, Kim Aceto p 2-0-1, Mandy Monge c 3-0-1. **Totals:** 24-0-4
Andover — Lindsey Timko rf 3-0-1, Maria Nasta 2b 1-1-0, Emily Farmer 1b 3-0-1, Lauren Vieira c 3-0-1, Meagan Merinder lf 1-0-0, Liz Pallotta ss 1-0-0, Caitlin Carpenter p 2-0-0, Emily Cummings cf 2-0-0, Carolyn Ciampa dp 2-0-0, Maggie Hanlon 3b 0-0-0. **Totals:** 18-1-3
Andover 000 000 0 - 0
Central 000 100 0 - 0
RBI: A. Vieira 1. 2B: Farmer. WP: Caitlin Carpenter 7ip 4h 0r 0bb 4k. LP: Kim Aceto 7ip 3h 1r 1er 1bb 8k

ANDOVER 9, DRACUT 5

Andover — Lindsey Timko rf 4-1-2, Maria Nasta 2b 4-0-1, Emily Farmer 1b 4-1-0, Meagan Merinder lf 3-1-1, Lauren Vieira c 4-3-2, Liz Pallotta ss 3-0-2, Emily Cummings cf 4-1-0, Caitlin Carpenter p 4-1-2, Carolyn Ciampa dp 3-1-1, Maggie Hanlon 3b 0-0-0. **Totals:** 33-9-11
Dracut — Erin Kelly c 4-0-0, Lyndsay McAnulty 2b

ANDOVER 1, LAWRENCE 0

Lawrence — Shaufenbl 2b 4-0-0, Aubin ss 3-0-0, KScard cf 2-0-0, Jimenez rf 2-0-0, MSicard lf 3-0-0, Donnelly 1b 3-0-0, Monell c 3-0-1, Arraji 3b 3-0-0, Mangual dp 3-0-0. **Totals:** 25-0-1
Andover — Lindsey Timko rf 3-1-0, Maria Nasta 2b 4-0-1, Emily Farmer 1b 4-0-2, Meagan Merinder lf 3-0-0, Lauren Vieira dp 3-0-1, Liz Pallotta ss 3-0-1, Emily Cummings cf 3-0-0, Katie Anderson p 3-0-2, Maggie Hanlon 3b 1-0-0, Anastasia Sullivan ph 1-0-0, Becky Cairns c 0-0-0. **Totals:** 28-1-7
Lawrence 000 000 0 - 0
Andover 000 000 01 - 1
RBI: A. Farmer 1. WP: Katie Anderson (2-0) 8ip 1h 0r 0er 2bb 6k

ANDOVER 6, BILLERICA 0

Andover — Lindsey Timko rf 4-0-0, Maria Nasta 2b 4-0-1, Emily Farmer 1b 3-2-2, Meagan Merinder lf 3-1-0, Lauren Vieira c 4-2-1, Liz Pallotta ss 2-1-1, Emily Cummings cf 3-0-1, Caitlin Carpenter p 4-0-0, Carolyn Ciampa dp 3-0-0, Maggie Hanlon 3b 0-0-0. **Totals:** 30-6-6
Billerica — Jackie Gallant lf 3-0-1, Casey Shanley 1b 2-0-0, Jess Wilson c 3-0-0, Amy Simmons 2b 3-0-1, Enca Kelley rf 3-0-0, Katie Mara ss 3-0-0, Jackie Knight rf 2-0-0, Diana Burton 3b 2-0-0, Katie Rahn dp 1-0-0, Jenn Razzan p 0-0-0. **Totals:** 22-0-2
Andover 000 004 2 - 6
Billerica 000 000 0 - 0
RBI: Pallotta 2, Cummings 1, Carpenter 1. WP: Caitlin Carpenter (5-5) 7ip 2h 0r 0er 1bb 5k. LP: Jenn Razzan 7ip 6h 6r 2er 4bb 7k

ANDOVER 2, LOWELL 1

Andover — Katie Hebert p 4-0-0, Natalie Shea cf 4-0-1, Sarah Wilson 3b 4-0-0, Kathryn Trombley c 4-1-0, Krissy Keegan ss 3-0-0, Caitlin Barry 1b 3-0-0, Courtney Leakeas lf 3-0-1, Maggie Florence 2b 3-0-0, Allison Marcotte lf 3-0-0. **Totals:** 31-1-2
Andover — Lindsey Timko rf 4-0-0, Maria Nasta 2b 4-0-0, Emily Farmer 1b 3-1-0, Meagan Merinder lf 4-1-2, Lauren Vieira c 4-0-2, Liz Pallotta ss 3-0-0, Emily Cummings cf 2-0-0, Caitlin Carpenter p 3-0-1, Carolyn Ciampa dp 2-0-0, Maggie Hanlon 3b 0-0-0. **Totals:** 29-2-5
Lowell 010 000 000 - 1
Andover 000 100 001 - 2
One out when winning run scored
RBI: A. Vieira 2. 3B: Merinder. WP: Caitlin Carpenter 9ip 2h 1r 0er 0bb 5k. LP: Katie Hebert 8 1ip 5h 2r 2er 2bb 7k

SPORTS TALK

By Rick Harrison

This column is compiled from information supplied by the collection of friends and relatives of the student-athletes, each standing and ready to defend its particular person or persons in the Townsmen's Information was obtained from the phone at 85 Chestnut St., Andover, Mass. or faxed to 978-476-5747.

Krit Kearins of Andover was named to Plymouth State University

ty athletes to receive the coveted Panther Award in a recent ceremony at the school.

PSU athletic teams present a Panther Award to the individual(s) in each sport who best represent Plymouth State on and off the field.

Each team and the training department sets its own specific criteria for the award.

Kearins is a highly-decorated senior diver on the women's swim and dive team, having won numerous conference and New England honors in both the one- and three-

meter diving events during her highly-successful collegiate career.

Keiko Yoshida of Andover, a sophomore member of the Muhlenberg College women's golf team, shot a 243 to help her team to a third-place finish at the two-day Centennial Conference Championships played in Berlin, Md.

Yoshida also helped Muhlenberg to a record-low round of 424 strokes at the Muhlenberg Spring Invitational.

In the Conference Champi-

onships, the Mules finished behind titlist McDaniel and runner-up Gettysburg and ahead of Franklin & Marshall and Dickinson.

Melissa Martin of Andover is having a solid season for the Lawrence Academy girls varsity lacrosse team.

Martin scored three goals and assisted on a fourth to help the Spartans to a recent Independent School League victory.

Dave Powers of Andover is a

junior leftfielder on the Amherst College baseball team, which won its first-ever New England Small College Athletic Conference championship this spring.

In the Conference Tournament Amherst beat top seed Trinity College, 16-8, downed Bowdoin, 4-1, and defeated archrival Williams 5-4 in the title game.

Powers batted a solid .336, second best on the team, for the season. He also had 28 runs scored, 22 RBI and four home runs.

Powers' three-run homer was the key hit against Bowdoin in the conference semifinals.

By winning the NESCAC title, Amherst advanced to the NCAA Regionals where the Lord Jeffs were eliminated by top seed/host Eastern Connecticut State College (36-9) in the first round.

No. 6 seed Amherst finished 19-17 including 9-4 in its last 13 games.

The Lord Jeffs are four-time

NCAA champs since 1982.

Powers' younger sister, Jackie, is a high-scoring soccer and basketball athlete at Andover High.

Brian Kenny of Andover, a graduate of Austin Prep and sophomore midfielder on the 2004 Massachusetts Maritime Academy men's lacrosse team, played a key role this spring with 12 goals, five assists and 17 total points for the Buccaneers (4-10).

Sam Clark of Andover, a member of the defending AAU 13-year-old division Massachusetts State Champion Lightning Baseball team, helped lead his undefeated squad to a pair of recent double-header sweeps.

In wins over Team New England (11-1 and 10-0) and America's Pastime (15-5 and 8-1), Clark went 7 for 13 at the plate with three doubles, six RBI and five runs scored.

He was the winning pitcher in the 10-0 triumph over Team New England, tossing five innings of two-hit shutout ball while fanning six and walking one.

After 12 games in the AAU State Tournament qualifying round, the Lightning 13's were in first place with a perfect 12-0 record.

Tom Valleau of Andover was a member of the Clark University (Worcester) men's crew team this spring.

The Cougars had solid performances in the New England Championships, ECAC Nationals and Worcester City Championship.

Meryl Berger of Andover was on the Clark University women's crew, competing as a rower with the women's varsity four boat that placed third at the New England Championships.

The varsity four also placed sixth at the ECAC Nationals and won their race at the Worcester City Championship.

Ashley Collins of Andover divided time between an attack position and goaltender this spring for the Roger Williams University women's lacrosse team.

In goal for the first-year varsity squad, sophomore Collins played 130 minutes, recorded 20 saves and had a .476 save percentage and 10.15 goals-against average.

The Hawks, 2-12 overall, finished the season strongly with wins over Nichols College (15-4) and Emerson College (19-8).

Jeff Volinski of Andover, a junior on the Tufts University baseball team, has been named to the New England Small College Athletic Conference 2004 Spring All-Academic Team.

To be eligible each student/athlete must be a starter or key reserve in their sport with a grade-point average of at least 3.35.

Mechanical engineering major Volinski, a lefty pitcher and former Andover High and Post 8 Legion standout, was 1-1 with a 3.92 ERA. He also hit .273 as a part-time outfielder.

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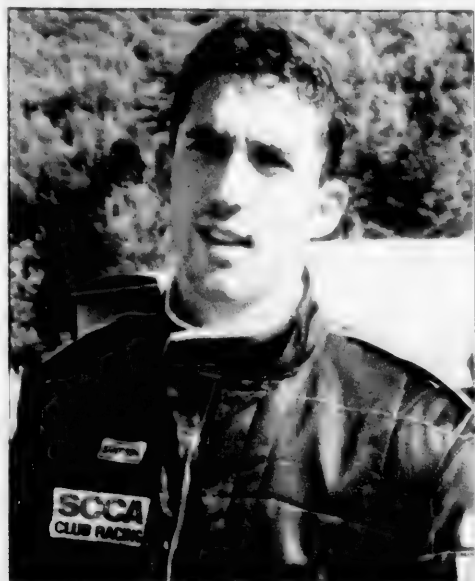
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TOWN TALK



Jason Fennessey of Andover has one season of racing with the Sports Car Club of America under his belt, and is enjoying his second one.

Life in the fast lane

Jason Fennessey of Andover, a 2002 graduate of Austin Prep and a sophomore at Massachusetts Maritime Academy, is beginning his second season racing with the Sports Car Club of America.

Racing against many more experienced drivers from all over the Northeast region between April and September last year, Fennessey displayed a competitive driving ability and desire to win that took many by surprise. He placed second in his class among the SCCA Club racers in the Northeast, winning numerous trophies and a coveted spot in the North Atlantic Road Racing Championship at the end of the season. His second place finish in that race won him the first cash prize of his racing career.

One of his competitors on the racetrack is his father, Gerry Fennessey, also of Andover, who introduced Jason to Formula Vee racing. At New Hampshire International Speedway in Loudon, N.H. and Lime Rock Park in Connecticut, he was assisted by Crew Chief Ed Henley of Salem, N.H., who commented at the end of the season, "Jason has shown a lot of determination over the last few months. He's a natural racer." Rounding out the crew is Anne Fennessey, wife of Gerry and mother of Jason.

Fennessey has had a strong start this season, placing second at NHIS in late April, followed by a first place win as he took the checkered flag at Lime Rock Park in early May.

The next weekend, he took part in a double series at Pocono International Raceway in Pennsylvania, earning a fourth and another first, putting him firmly in the points lead in his class thus far this year.

Party no-shows have good excuses

No staffers from Andover Youth Services attended last Friday night's "Springfest" fund-raiser for their proposed youth center. So, where were the three full-time AYS staffers? Not surprisingly, they were at various AYS-sponsored events that were happening at the same time.

AYS Director Bill Fahey wrote a letter explaining their whereabouts. T.J. Sico, son of Springfest's hosts, Mike and Ann Sico, read the letter which said:

- one staffer was at the lacrosse game at Andover High;
- another was at the Battle of the Bands dance event;
- another was in Portland, Ore. with the top-ranked AYS Ultimate Frisbee team, which was competing for the national title.

The crowd understood and then broke into loud laughter when Fahey's letter went on to say, "Now, why doesn't everyone have a drink on Dr. (Larry) Larsen?"

Even the good-natured Larsen, chairman of the Andover Youth Foundation, chuckled. He was the only man dressed in a suit at the event, but was clearly having fun mixing among the casually-clad crowd. He said he enjoyed their "energy," adding, "We need more fun community events like this. The Sicos are just the couple (to host one)."

— Judy Wakefield



Ticket sellers peeled off strips of raffle tickets as wide as their arms extended, selling the series of chances to win various prizes for \$20, and helping the Andover Youth Foundation raise money for its proposed youth center in West Andover. From left, ticket sellers Susan Delarm-Sandman, Laurie Verette and Tracy Layne give their arm muscles a rest.

Photos by Tim Jean

A pillar of community

Rabbi Goldstein: Respect, understanding are keys to learning

By Andrea Gregory

HE WILL SIT DOWN NEXT TO ANYONE, look them in the eye and engage in a conversation about religion. Rabbi Robert Goldstein, of Temple Emanuel of Andover, says the key to discussing religion, and learning from one another, is providing respect and understanding.

Between his religious conversation TV show and his work in a variety of leadership capacities around town, Goldstein should know.

Goldstein — a 23-year rabbi — will be honored for his distinguished community service by the Andover Chamber of Commerce.

Its Community Service Award will be presented during a breakfast ceremony next Thursday, June 3 from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Indian Ridge Country Club on Lovejoy Road.

Goldstein came to Andover 14 years ago from a small congregation on the Cape. His wife, Faith, is a first-grade teacher at South School. Together they have three daughters.

Though Goldstein says it is an honor to be recognized, he humbly points out many others have done great things for the community. He said his actions are more visible because he is a member of the local clergy. Although the award will have his name on it, he said he believes what is being honored is what his work represents.

"It's important that we translate what we teach," says Goldstein. But he is not just talking about translating the language — such as learning that the Hebrew "Tikkum Olam" means preparing the world. He says it is about translating words and beliefs



Rabbi Robert Goldstein of Temple Emanuel of Andover will receive the Andover Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award at a breakfast next Thursday, June 3.

into action, "preaching with what one does by advocacy."

Goldstein has partnered with several charitable causes in the area in such roles as a trustee of Lawrence General Hospital, a member of the Lawrence Rotary Club and a member of the board of the Trauma Intervention Program, which helps residents throughout the Merrimack Valley deal with tragedies.

For about seven years, Goldstein has televised his religious views on the Andover public access television show *Faith Matters*.

The Rev. James Diamond,

formerly of Christ Episcopal Church on Central Street, was Goldstein's original co-host.

Today, Goldstein sits beside Jack Daniel of Elm Street's Free Christian Church.

"He sits to my right and I sit to his left, both physically and politically," says Goldstein.

Goldstein says they tackle a lot of "hot" religious topics such as abortion, gay marriage and even the war.

"With greater understanding comes greater respect. I'm not aiming for agreement. That's never been my goal. There is room in my world for those who

believe, who don't believe (and for different interpretations)," he says. "One must develop a moral code of behavior and we need to mentor a new generation. I'm not perfect. I don't always do the right thing, but I hope I would never be hypocritical. Religion is something bigger and better than the people who represent it."

What Goldstein tries to represent is someone who has made continuous efforts to teach respect and understanding.

Next Thursday's award breakfast will show how much his efforts have been noticed.

ON THE SCENE

Andover couple gives back with a rollicking party for proposed youth center

HEY, HE'S NOT WITH THE BAND," said many partygoers while shaking their heads and laughing. Mike Sico of Andover was at it again.

This time, he was crooning a rendition of *Hang On, Sloopy* at a benefit, while his not-surprised wife, Ann Sico, casually shrugged her shoulders and rolled her eyes. "That's one of his favorites," she said of the 1960s hit song.

"And, he loves an audience."

The scene might sound like an Andover audition for the popular television show, *American Idol*. Sico certainly has the voice to audition, and he was backed by a professional live band, the Classiques. But he has no Hollywood aspirations. Rather, his performance was to help the Andover Youth Foundation and raise some money for its proposed youth center in West Andover.

The Sicos, of Michael Way, hosted the \$25-per-ticket event last Friday night at Indian Ridge Country Club. The dress was casual, the mood was lively and the dance floor rocked as more than 200 people attended.

AYF will net more than \$6,000 from ticket sales, as the Sicos covered the band, food and room costs. At least 250 tickets were sold.

"They need a home," Mike Sico said of Andover Youth Services, during a rare moment without a microphone. "This is a way to reach out to kids in town."

Ann Sico was very specific about her reasons for hosting the party. "Not every kid is an athlete or a top student. AYS is all about reaching out to all types of kids. This is our way of giving back," she said.

The Sicos have two kids, T.J., 20, and



Cheers to the proposed Andover Youth Center. From left, Tim and Barbara Russell, Vickie and Walter Russell, Pennie and John Coleman, Jim Snow, Rita and Al Hoey, and Janet and Tom Smith.

Jenna, a sophomore at Andover High. Both of their kids have enjoyed numerous AYS programs and they are big fans of AYS Director Bill Fahey. In fact, the Sicos' summer home in Maine is a home base for AYS-sponsored summer trips every year.

"The kids love Bill, and what he does is fantastic," Ann Sico said.

The Sicos are members of Indian Ridge and many of Mike Sico's golfing buddies joined scores of friends, neighbors and youth-center supporters at the event.

"We're friends of Mike and he told us about this," said Andover resident Mike Walsh, and his comment was repeated by many. "I think it's a good cause."

Larry Larsen, chairman of the private AYF group, told the crowd that \$2.095 million has been donated so far for the proposed youth center. The proposed cost is \$4 million, according to supporters, and the money is being raised privately. AYF is looking to break ground this fall or next year on a six-acre site on Chandler Road, adjacent to the Deyermund fields. AYS, currently housed in a 600-square-foot office at Town Offices, runs numerous programs for about 6,500 kids every year.

"We have one mission — to build and sustain (a youth center). It's been a longtime dream,"



Host Mike Sico belts out *Hang On, Sloopy*.

Larsen said

AYF member Peg Campbell of Geneva Road said the Sicos' party was "a great example of how this will happen."

"Thanks for sharing the love," she told the hosts.

FIRST BIRTHDAYS



Zachary
Matey

Zachary Matey turned 1 on May 15. He is the son of Chris and Lauri Matey of Andover, and grandson of Janice Stovall of Haverhill. Zachary is the sweetest little boy, with an infectious smile that lights up a room. He loves to play with his cat, Cammie, and his favorite playmate, older brother Samuel. Zachary loves to practice walking, play with trains with Samuel, and cuddle up with his favorite little lamb to sleep.



Madeline Anne
Musteraid

Madeline Anne Musteraid celebrated her first birthday May 13. She is the daughter of Todd and Shelley Musteraid of Manlius, N.Y. Grandparents are Ron and Peg Musteraid of Andover, and Don and Bonnie Wagner of East Aurora, N.Y. Maddy loves reading her books, playing with her dog, Scarlet, and taking long walks with Mommy and Daddy.



Joseph Rocco
Lembo

Joseph Rocco Lembo will celebrate his first birthday May 30. He is the son of Paul and Ellen Lembo of Andover. Grandparents are Joseph and Eileen Puglielli of Waltham, and Nicholas and Beverly Lembo of Maine. Great-grandmothers are Angela Lembo of Andover, and Gertrude Hamilton of Burlington. Joseph enjoys reading books, watching *Sesame Street*, splashing in the bathtub, playing with his cousins and his Elmo toys.



Michael Anthony
Collett Jr.

Michael Anthony Collett Jr. turned 1 year old May 12. He is the son of Michelle (DiStefano) and Mike Collett of Dracut. Grandparents are Carol and Larry DiStefano of Andover, and Carol and Bill Collett of Brockton. Mikey is a happy baby and smiles all the time. He likes music, playing with his hockey stick, hugging his cousin and also his dog, Emma.



Connor James
Sheehan

Connor James Sheehan celebrated his first birthday May 19. Connor is the son of Tom and Karyn (Baker) Sheehan of Andover. Connor loves spending time with his grandparents, Mildred Sheehan of Andover, and Clint and Peggy Baker of Haverhill, formerly of Andover. He also loves to chase his big brother, Sam, 2½. Connor, an avid Red Sox fan, predicts they will win the World Series this year.



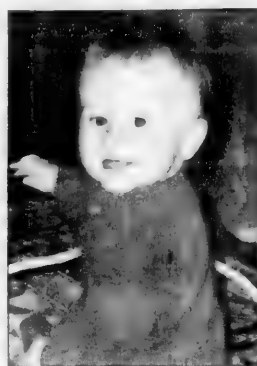
Ryan Brennan
Ross

Ryan Brennan Ross was born May 26, 2003. His parents are Stephanie and Sean Ross of Marshfield, formerly of Andover. Grandparents are Joseph T. Ross of Lowell, Edie and Paul McKinnon of Merrimac, and Mary and Dick Aumais of Andover. Ryan enjoys walking at the beach with his parents, his older brother, Brendan Joseph, 3, and their yellow lab, Schooner.



Vincent Peter
Schick

Vincent Peter Schick celebrated his first birthday May 15. He is the son of Paula and Gerrit Schick of Andover. Grandparents are Jarka and Jan Kubes, and Brigitte and Peter Schick, all of Germany. Vincent enjoys playing with balls, reading books and walking around. Big brother, Lenny, 3, adores playing with Vince and making him laugh.



Patrick Robert
Burns

Patrick Robert Burns turns 1 on May 29. He is the son of Mark and Kelly of Glen Cove Road. Grandparents are Cathy Raadmae and David Fournier of North Andover, and Ed and Claire Burns of Ormond Beach, Fla. Great-grandmother is Ann Jaworski of Methuen. Patrick loves to play with his sister, Kathryn Claire, 2½, and crawl in the grass.



Madeline Rose
Doyle

Madeline Rose Doyle, daughter of Gerry and Cindy Doyle of Needham, celebrated her first birthday May 11. Grandparents are Bill and Clare Doyle of Andover, and Tom and Jean Murphy of Trumbull, Conn. Madeline is so sweet and happy. She loves to go out for a walk in her carriage, reading her books and playing with her blocks.



Lauren Jacquelyn
Trahon

Lauren Jacquelyn Trahon turned 1 on May 1. Her parents are Peter and Maureen Macklin Trahon of McLean, Va. Lauren has a 2-year-old brother, Matthew. Her grandparents are Leo and Joan Macklin of Andover, and Peter and Helen Trahon of Brookline. She loves taking her brother's puzzle pieces and hiding them.



Kyle Charles
Heidt

Kyle Charles Heidt turned 1 on May 3. He is the son of Robert and Kimberly Heidt of Amesbury. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Heidt of Greenland, N.H., Helen West of Andover and the late Charles West. Kyle loves Louis Armstrong, chasing his ball, and reading his books.



Jacob Ari
Baer

Jacob Ari Baer turned 1 on May 12. He is the son of Jonathan and Robin Baer of Westborough. His grandparents are Ruth and Martin Baer of Andover, Mike and Roz Winston of Atlanta, Ga., and Jane Levine of Worcester. Jacob loves to play chase, run after his dog Maggie, go to Gymboree and play outside. Jacob's smile brings joy to all of us.

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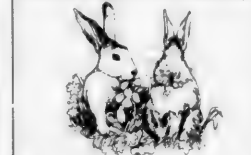
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Gates and Gables House Tour is June 5

Woodworking shops a new drill on Andover house tour

By Elaine Clements
Andover Historical Society

Gates and Gables, the Andover Historical Society's biannual tour of houses will treat visitors to an inside look at seven Andover homes that display a colorful diversity of architectural, collecting and decorative styles. The addition of five woodworking shops to this year's tour adds a new dimension to the event, which will take place on Saturday, June 5 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The tour destinations span more than 200 years of American architecture, from a late 18th century barn to a 21st century Georgian-inspired style. Architecture lovers will enjoy a variety of vernacular styles, including Federal Adamesque Revival, Queen Anne/Colonial Revival, Romanesque/Shingle and Contemporary. Woodworking enthusiasts will see cleverly designed workspaces, impressive collections of power and hand tools, and a shop that

serves as an artist's studio. In addition to the homes and shops, the tour itinerary will include the old Andover train station, a Victorian masterpiece built in 1905.

The woodworking shops are a natural addition to the traditional house tour. The Andover Historical Society's Amos Blanchard House and Barn Museum features not only an early 19th century Federal style house, it also includes a working traditional, hand-powered woodworking shop. The 2004 Gates & Gables tour is an opportunity to showcase this unique treasure. The shop is housed in the 1819 barn and stocked with hand woodworking tools belonging to the late John Ross. Ross' collection of 19th century woodworking implements are on long-term loan from the North Bennett Street School in Boston. Students of John Ross continue to use the collection to teach new students the ancient art of hand woodworking. On June 5, current instructor and

Ross student Steve Anthony will be on hand at the Blanchard woodworking shop to give tours and answer questions. Another Ross student will be opening her home woodworking shop for the tour that same day so tour participants can see both 19th century and 21st century versions of woodworking shops.

House tour tickets are priced at \$22; woodworking tour tickets are \$15. Combination tickets for both houses and workshops are priced at \$30. The combination tickets are designed to accommodate what might be a dual interest for couples, organizers said. Purchase a combination ticket for \$30 and one can go on the house tour and the other on the shop tour. Tickets are available and can be purchased at the Andover Historical Society (97 Main St.) and the Andover Bookstore, or online at www.andhist.org.

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Owner Jin Won Jun

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Education

Students subjected to laws of physics

Physics teacher brings students to take readings on the amusement rides at Canobie Lake Park

By Ben Hellman

INSTRUMENTS READY, pens and paper stowed safely on Canobie Lake Park's Log Flume ride, four Andover High School students watched as their plastic cart reached the peak of the ride's main hill and then dropped over the edge, flying furiously to a splashdown.

There is no place like an amusement park to study gravitational fields. In the name of science — physics, specifically — AHS students braved rides like the Log Flume, the Turkish Twist and the park's famous wooden roller coaster, the Yankee Cannonball, on Friday, "Physics Day" at Canobie.

The three rides were mandatory for physics teacher Ron Francis' students. Francis has brought his students to the amusement park for the last five years to try out homemade instruments and take readings on some of the rides.

Students built two types of accelerometers for their experiments in measuring acceleration.

One, a vertical accelerometer, is a plastic tube with a weighted spring that stretches in the opposite direction from the speeding students. The more the spring stretches, the greater the vertical acceleration.

The other, a horizontal accelerometer, is a protractor with a weighted string attached. The more the string is deflected, the greater the horizontal acceleration.

To keep students focused on the science, Francis counted the assignments as two lab grades. Teacher Michael Doherty counted it as a test grade.

"It's not a day off. It's not a reward," said Francis.

Francis said there are always students who try to get out of riding particularly scary rides — "Every year, it's 'Dr. Francis, I can't go on,'" he said, laughing — but he makes them produce a note from their parents to get out of it and, in the end, most students take the plunge.

The AHS Physics program shined this year when four students were semifinalists for the 2003 US Physics Olympiad. Ryan Desmond, Sasha Seletsky,



In line for the Yankee Cannonball roller coaster on Physics Day at Canobie Lake Park, Joe Ruszkowski, George Eichman, Pardeep Thandi, David Ong and Ben Baldwin look over their notes.

Steve Ristuccia and Andrew Ivanovitch took the test with approximately 1,500 students around the country, all of whom were nominated by teachers.

The Andover students were among only 200 students to be named semifinalists, but were not selected to the US team.

Senior Bruce Hilman, an advanced placement physics student, has been to "Physics Day" at the park before and said it was truly helpful in appreciating the science.

Standing in line for the Turkish Twist — a cylindrical ride that spins people until they are "stuck" to the wall, and then drops out the floor — he

explained that in the classroom, one can only read about gravitational force.

"Here you feel the Gs pulling down on you," said Hilman.

Junior Ayesha Rabbani was not crazy about feeling those Gs. "I thought it was more fun when I was younger. Now it just makes me queasy," she said.

Rabbani is part of Michael Doherty's class, and she was allowed to avoid the rides that might make her uncomfortable as long as she helped gather other data.

While her teammates rushed headlong down the Log Flume ride, she calculated the height of the drop and held a stopwatch to time the drop. "I can't do any drops, so it's hard for me to do roller coasters," she said.

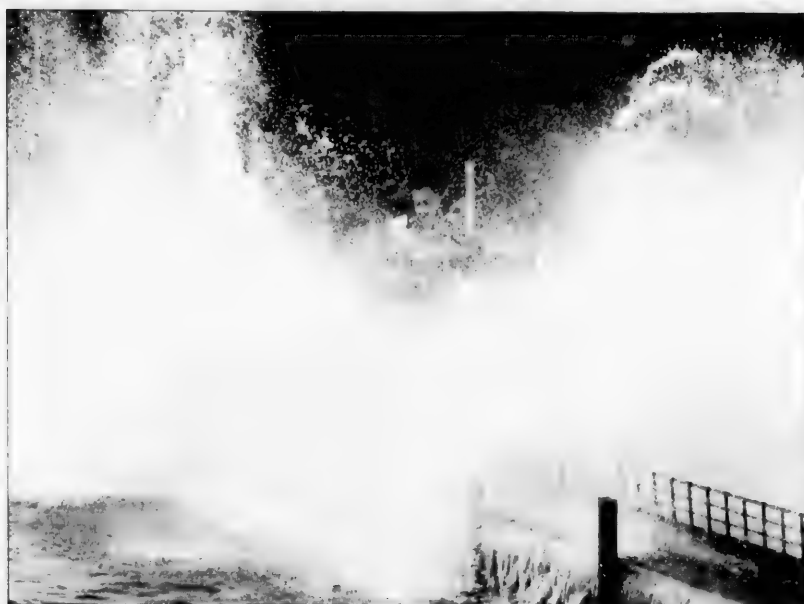
Her classmates did not seem to mind the ride — or when their readings came out unclear. "We've got to do that again," said Mike Zhu, a sophomore, coming off the ride and heading back to the line.

"That didn't work out at all," agreed Roy Sun, also a sophomore.

It was time for another ride in the name of science.



From left, Ryan Desmond, Ryan Kurkul and Bruce Hilman try to hold their ground on the Turkish Twist ride during Physics Day at Canobie Lake Park.



Splashdown! — On the Log Flume ride during Physics Day at Canobie Lake Park, from front to back, are Vamsikarthik Sannapureddy (on the right), Mike Zhu, Shirley Yacubowicz and Roy Sun. The annual trip has AHS students experiencing gravitational fields and forces of nature.

New developments

25 homes redistricted to West Elementary

By Meir Rinde

A MINI-REDISTRICTING that would have shifted a few streets from the High Plain Elementary district to the West Elementary district was cut down even further before winning approval from the School Committee last night.

In its approved form, the redistricting, which came in response to parent worries over projected over-enrollment at High Plain Elementary, moves only two new developments into the West Elementary district. The developments are Greenwood Meadows with 20 homes, and Murray Hill Estates with five homes.

By shrinking the area to be redistricted, the School Committee rendered moot objections raised by parents who would have been affected by the redistricting in the form originally proposed by school Business Manager Bernard Tuttle earlier this month.

The areas previously recommended for switching into the West Elementary district were all of Greenwood Road, Pettengill Avenue, Dairy Lane, Starwood Crossing and Zam-

"I ask you, if you have to redistrict, redistrict — but don't split up streets."

PARENT KATE RICKARDS, OF STARWOOD CROSSING

bom Terrace, and parts of Chandler Road and North Street.

Twenty-five High Plain students whose homes would have shifted into the West Elementary district would have been "grandfathered" under the earlier plan so they could stay at High Plain, as could their siblings.

But children who have not started school yet would have gone to West Elementary.

Kate Rickards, a Starwood Crossing resident who has sons 1 and 4 years old, urged the committee to change that original plan so her children did not have to attend a different school from their friends who live down the street.

"That fragmentation is so disturbing to me," she said. "I ask you, if you have to redistrict, redistrict — but don't split up streets."

Parents of students at High Plain Elementary, which opened in fall 2002, have gone before the School Committee several times in the past year to ask for fixes for a growing enrollment problem. The school is slightly over its official capacity of 564 children this year, and is expected to see a decrease next year before the numbers rise again during the succeeding three years.

While they have generally opposed a redistricting as too disruptive, especially to families that were already redistricted once when the new school opened, a committee of High Plain parents recommended that district boundaries be adjusted to keep new developments out of their district.

Before its vote on the smaller redistricting plan last night, the School Committee called for creation of a task force that would review current district lines and space needs with a view toward a possible town-wide redistricting.

Committee member Arthur Barber abstained from the otherwise unanimous vote, saying he needed more information before supporting the change.

TRY THIS CAREER ON FOR SIZE



Doherty Middle School held its annual Career Day for eighth-graders earlier this spring. Twenty-five job areas were represented by presenters who brought enthusiasm along with their slides, posters, brochures, and hands-on items. The majority of the speakers were parents of present and former Doherty eighth-graders. There were also several presenters who are unconnected with the school but take part in this event whenever possible. The speakers and their respective professions were as follows: Judy Ayers, pharmacist; Sgt. Barbara Connolly and Dennis Lane, police; Todd Pomerleau, Kyle Murphy, Mark Conlon and Eric Teichert (pictured with student Greg Cook), firefighter/EMTs; special agents Kathryn Roberts and Jeff Wood, FBI; Paul Domigan, development engineer; Karl Fredrickson, writer and race-car driver; Dr. Jasmine Keramaty, veterinarian; Kathleen Silva, court reporter; Ray Zemlin, corporate attorney; Paul Zambella, CSI, forensic scientist; Betsy Williams, herbalist, floral designer, author; Thomas Shannon, commercial pilot; Kate Stout, software engineer/writer; Stephanie Kaltsunas, cosmetologist; Mika Landau, business development/sales; Craig Carlson, industrial design; Carol Goodman, interior designer; Jim Scibarrasi, international business; Kevin Peters, trial lawyer; John Saba, electrical engineer; MB Jarosik, graphic design; Jason Vadeboncoeur, import sales manager for custom stock cars and race cars; Dr. Larry Johnson, orthopedic surgeon; Julia Scolnik, musician; and Townsman reporter Ben Hellman, stage actor.

LOCAL SCHOLARS

Last Friday, May 21, 13 students from Andover graduated from Central Catholic High School, 300 Hampshire St., Lawrence. The school's 66th commencement was held in Memorial Gymnasium.

Jeffrey M. Bouchard will attend Southern New Hampshire University. He has been awarded a Southern New Hampshire University academic scholarship.

Matthew R. Canavan will attend the Wentworth Institute of Technology. He has received a Wentworth Award.

Elizabeth A. Crowley will attend Providence College.

Carolyn M. Daw will attend Hofstra University. She has been awarded a Hofstra University Presidential Scholarship.

Justine M. Douvadjian will pursue postgraduate study.

Elisa E. Giordano will attend Arizona State University.

Nicholas A. Halks will attend the University of South Carolina. He has been awarded a University of South Carolina Cooper Scholarship.

Meredith A. Kish, a member of the National Honor Society, will attend Boston University.

Kaitlyn A. Kludjian, a member of the National Honor Society, will attend the University of Central Florida.

Bridget S. MacLeod will attend Villanova University.

Michael J. Malaguti will attend George Washington University. He has been awarded a George Washington Grant and University and Alumni Award.

Daniel G. Sofio, a member of the National Honor Society, will attend Northeastern University. He has been awarded a Northeastern University Dean's Scholarship.

Christen M. Stumpf, a member of the National Honor Society, will attend Washington University. She has been awarded an Andover Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award.

At Phillips Academy, Nickolas A. Fortino '05 of North Andover and Daniel P.Z. Whalen '06 of San Juan Capistrano, Calif., have been named to the US Physics Team. They are among 24 high school stu-

dents nationwide selected through two competitive examinations sponsored by the American Association of Physics Teachers and the American Institute of Physics. The team members were scheduled to attend a training camp May 21-31 in College Park, Md., to refine their problem-solving and laboratory skills.

Five students will be selected from this group to represent the 2004 US Physics Team at the 35th International Physics Olympiad in July in South

Korea.

Two other Phillips Academy students, Leon Fay '04 of Andover, and Peter M. Whalen '04 of San Juan Capistrano, Calif., were among 200 students named as semi-finalists in the competition. PA's faculty sponsor is Peter Watt.

Twenty-three students at Austin Preparatory School were recently inducted into the school's chapter of the National Honor Society. Brian Coffey, an Andover resident and Austin

junior, was among the NHS inductees. The sophomore and junior inductees were chosen by a panel of Austin faculty and administration for embodying the pillars of the National Honor Society: scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Specifically, students maintain a 3.3 (B+) minimum grade-point average, demonstrate leadership and involvement in the school community, volunteer and provide dependable assistance to others, and exemplify fine character.



West Elementary recently held an ice cream social, its last event of the school year. At left are Morgan Muggia (in back), Bess Muggia (left) and Arianna Bishop. Above are Tamara Mengis, Rachael Andresen, Elena Bird and Sarah Lerner.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here's what's for lunch in the Andover public schools next week, May 31-June 4:

Elementary schools

Monday: Memorial Day - No school.

Tuesday: Meatball sub with fries, pizza ring, spaghetti and meatballs, fruit, veggie, chocolate cake with frosting and milk.

Wednesday: Barbeque rib dippers over rice, nachos with chicken fajita meat and cheese, pizza stick with soft pretzel, fruit, veggie and milk.

Thursday: Fried chicken with potato, french toast with ham, slice of pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Friday: Salad bar with roll, hot dog with fries, baked chicken nuggets, green beans, pineapple, pudding with whipped topping and milk.

Doherty Middle School

Monday: Memorial Day - No school.

Tuesday: Mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce, chicken McSchool, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Wednesday: Cheeseburger with chips,

spaghetti and meatballs, baked chicken nuggets, fruit, veggie and milk.

Thursday: Fried chicken with potato, top your own tacos, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Friday: Chicken fajitas, two hot dogs with chips, french toast with sausage, fruit, veggie and milk.

Secondary schools

Monday: Memorial Day - No school.

Tuesday: Chicken fajitas, stuffed shells, bakery pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Wednesday: Two hot dogs with chips, meatball sub, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Thursday: Barbeque pork sandwich, taco bar, bakery pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Friday: Salisbury steak with mashed potato, spaghetti and meatballs, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

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Business

Swiss dental implant firm moving to town

By Andrea Gregory, Ethan Forman, Tim Logan

Gov. Mitt Romney planned to personally welcome Andover's newest business to Minuteman Park today, Thursday, May 27.

Straumann — a Swiss dental implant manufacturer — signed a 15-year lease at the Andover office park, making Andover its U.S. manufacturing and corporate headquarters.

Straumann's new home, 100 Minuteman Road, is one of the older Minuteman Park buildings, said Marty Spagat, Minuteman Park developer. Spagat said before the Swiss company moves in, the building will undergo a "re-skinning"

makeover. The concrete stone structure will shed its exterior and be given a sleek glass-and-steel look to match the other Minuteman Park facilities.

According to Sarah D'Souza, a spokeswoman for the governor, the company will create 160 new jobs. She said Romney played a role in bringing Straumann to Andover. In May 2003, Romney founded Team Massachusetts, a group pulled from seven state economic and development organizations, to court businesses to move or stay in Massachusetts, said D'Souza.

She called the Straumann deal the first successful endeavor for Team Massachusetts.

During today's welcoming ceremony a Swiss flag and an American flag were expected to be raised at the site, said D'Souza.

The 50-year-old company first indicated its interest in the Andover business park in March, but the deal was not finalized until recently. A spokesman said the company would announce details of its plans before Gov. Romney and other officials Thursday morning, after *Townsmen* deadline.

Prior to the event, a spokesman said the company hopes to more than double its US work force during the next five years to between 400 and

500, but would not say how many people it expects to employ in Andover.

"We are very excited. They are worldwide," said Spagat. "I think it's a huge plus for the state and for Andover and, of course, Minuteman Park."

Straumann considered six states and toured 50 locations in Massachusetts before settling on Andover and Minuteman Park, said Steve James, executive vice president and principal of NAI Hunneman, the commercial real estate firm that brokered the deal. James, an Andover native, said Straumann chose Massachusetts for its proximity to the pharmaceutical industry and its

regulators and Andover because of the area's abundance of skilled labor. The company also liked Boston's European feel and the reasonable time difference between the East Coast and Europe, he said.

Straumann will join a number of medical-related firms already at Minuteman Park, including Smith and Nephew, Endo and Philips Medical Systems.

Straumann currently employs 185 in the United States, including 85 at its current U.S. headquarters in Wallingford, Conn. Sales representatives are spread through the country, including at a small office in Newport Beach, Calif.

Wallingford will also join the move to Andover.

The company manufactures dental implants, prosthetics, and complete dentures. It also manufactures dental prosthetics for patients with missing teeth. Straumann's products are used by dentists and oral surgeons to replace missing teeth. The company's products are used by dentists and oral surgeons to replace missing teeth. The company's products are used by dentists and oral surgeons to replace missing teeth.

BRIEFS

Wilson named to national workforce board

The National Association of Workforce Boards has announced that Leonard A. Wilson, chairman and chief executive officer of First Essex Bank, Andover, has been elected to NAWB's national board of directors for a three-year term.

"Len's tireless efforts on behalf of workforce issues and his local community are commendable. His knowledge and experience in the world of finance, and with workforce-related organizations, has benefited this Board for many years," said Stephanie Powers, chief executive officer of NAWB. "Len has been a huge asset to NAWB and it is my hope that he will continue to be so for many years to come."

Wilson has vast experience in workforce issues and a strong commitment to his community's growth and development. He is chair of the Massachusetts Workforce Investment Board and served twice as chair of the Lower Merrimack Valley Workforce Investment Board. He also chairs of the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Wilson has been involved and held leadership positions in several meaningful community organizations such as the American Red Cross, Rotary Club, Boy Scouts, Habitat for Humanity, Neighbors in Need, and many finance and education-related associations. Wilson graduated from Bentley College, completed the American Management Association's management course, and the Robert Morris Associates Senior Loan School at Indiana University.



Len Wilson:
Three-year term

Nominate an Angel

Angel Homecare and Staffing of Andover will recognize and reward good deeds that employees perform with a special promotion kicking off June 1. The program will run throughout the summer with weekly giveaways. A good deed is any extra effort, kindness or activity that is above and beyond day to day responsibilities. Employees of Angel Homecare can be nominated for this recognition by their peers, their family, business and community contacts or the clients they service. A grand prize of a seven-day cruise for two in September from Boston to Bermuda will be awarded to the recipient whose deed is selected as the most outstanding during the campaign. The community is invited to nominate any Angel Homecare Staff member they feel is worthy of this recognition by calling 978-475-2244, ask to speak to Diane.

Vitali offers free training

Kevin Vitali, an agent from EXIT Group One Real Estate at 28 Andover St., recently presented a free Realtor Technology Training Session explaining how to effectively utilize technology in the real estate business with a main focus on marketing and the Internet.

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Burke Funeral Home changes hands

Garry Burke to continue working, living at North Main Street address

By Andrea Gregory

For Garry Burke, there was nothing unusual about having wakes on the first floor of his family's home. In fact, it was a family tradition of sorts.

Burke, Burke's father, Garrett, and his daughter, Danielle, all grew up in the Burke Funeral Home on North Main Street.

But the Burke family — Burke, his wife, Dori, and Danielle — is starting to think about life after the funeral home. Earlier this year Garry Burke sold the house and business to Joel Magliozzi. Burke said he has a contract to live and work at the funeral home for the next six years with the possibility of staying longer.

Even though the property deed has changed hands, little will change inside the business, now called the Burke-Magliozzi Funeral Home. The two men talk as if the deal is a partnership rather than a business sale.

"I don't plan on working anywhere else for the rest of my life, unless he fires me," Burke said with a chuckle. "This is a very graceful transaction."

Burke and his family will continue living in the quarters above the rooms outlined in folding chairs, where many Andover residents have said goodbye to loved ones. A portrait of Michael Burke, the founder of Burke Funeral Home, hangs in one of the rooms. An artist's rendering of the building from the 1800s graces another wall.

Burke said there are about 80 funerals per year in the large white house with a gray-stone base at 390 North Main St.

Burke and Magliozzi took different paths to becoming funeral directors.

Burke was licensed as a funeral director in 1971 and took over the family business when his father Garrett Burke died in 1980.

New owner Magliozzi did not grow up in a funeral home or take over a family business. But Magliozzi was drawn to the funeral business from an early age. He said he was around 13 when he chose the life of a funeral home director. He said he can remember talking about it while driving with



Garry Burke (left) has sold his funeral home at 390 North Main St. to Joel Magliozzi. Garry will stay on and the home will be called the Burke-Magliozzi Funeral Home.

his parents. His mother was sitting in the passenger's seat, and his father was at the wheel telling him if he did chose that line of work, he would never run out of business. He said that stuck with him.

"Many people say it's a calling, like a priesthood," said Magliozzi.

For Magliozzi, the life of a funeral director may have very well been his fate. On the job, he met his wife Lisa, also a licensed funeral director. Together they have three children, Haily, 5, Sophia, 2, and Matteo, 1. The Burke Funeral Home is Magliozzi's second funeral home. He also owns Beals-Geake Magliozzi Funeral Home in Medford.

Burke met Magliozzi in 1991, when Magliozzi knocked on the door of the Burke Funeral Home looking for contract work. Burke took him up on his offer to help out. Later, after working with him and seeing that he handled situations with the same respect and understanding that were essential in the Burke family business, Burke took him up on another offer — to buy the funeral home.

With a handshake between the two, Magliozzi now owns Burke-Magliozzi Funeral Home.

Burke explains when he began handling wakes and funerals, they were for people his father's age, some friends of his father's. Today, the generation gap is narrowing. Instead of his father's friends, some of the services are for his friends.

"The emotional end of it is getting much more difficult," said Burke.

He said there is a peaceful element to helping people handle a difficult time in their life, and he emphasizes he is not numb to it. He also knows how to stay focused to help people get carry out final plans. "If things don't bother you, you should get out of the business," he said.



Joel Magliozzi and Garry Burke plan on working together for at least another six years.

But that is not why Burke will eventually leave the business. He said he would like to have more time with his family, and relieve himself from the stress of a 24-7 job. He said selling the business was the first step toward his gradual departure.

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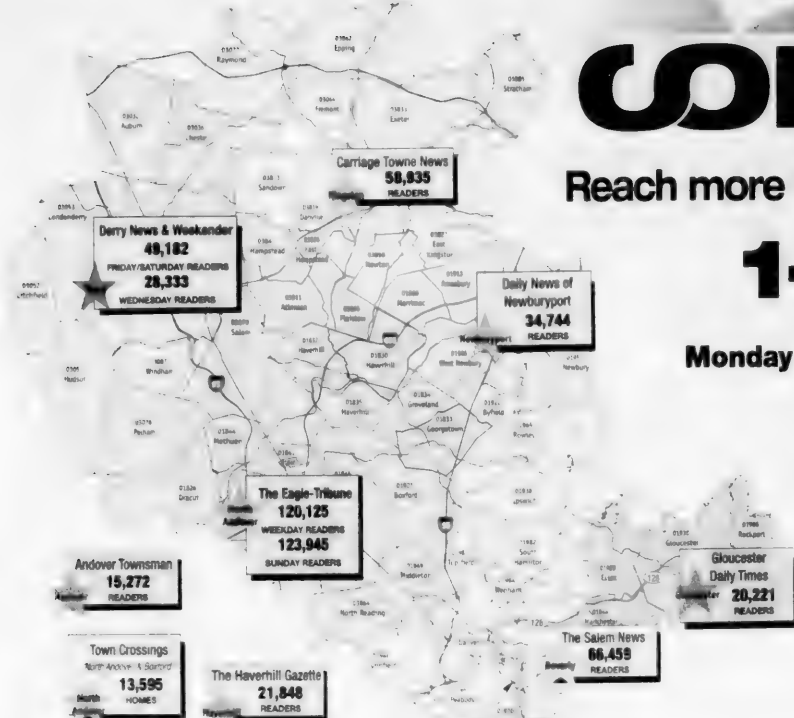
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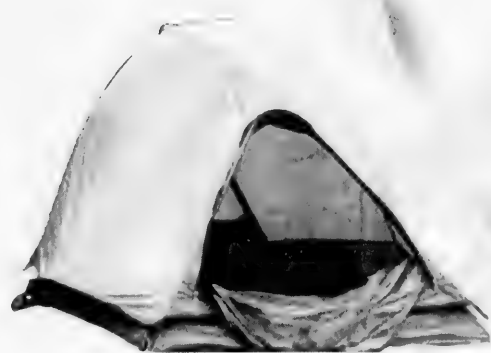
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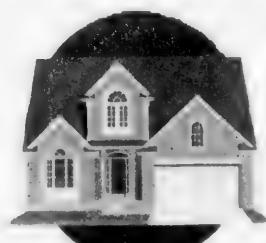
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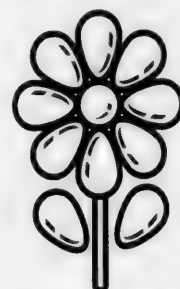
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SUMMER GUIDE

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Summer
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Andover Townsman

Summertime sports and activities abound in Andover

By Alan Chitoff

It must be one of the best-kept secrets in town. The Andover girls ultimate frisbee team, coached by Andover Youth Services staffer Suzie Clarke, is currently ranked second in the country.

The flying disc squad headed off to Oregon last weekend for the National Ultimate Frisbee Tournament. After making it through the first two rounds of the tournament, they lost in the quarterfinals.

Every year, there is an ultimate frisbee tournament in Amherst, where the Amherst teams traditionally dominate. The Andover team recently lost to Amherst in a hotly-contested match. "Usually, even Amherst junior varsity walks all over teams. But, we put our heads together and came up with a defense and a new offensive strategy and threw them for a loop. It's been a really fast rise for the team. We meshed together as a team quite well," says

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On the cover: two members of the Andover girls' ultimate frisbee team in action: (Left) Jennie McKain; (Right) Jackie Booth



COURTESY PHOTO

Glenn Wilson walks along a trail in Arches National Park on a recent Andover Youth Services trip.



COURTESY PHOTO

Youth Services staffer Jen Aylward (back) pitches in with community service work during the Andover Youth Services summer program.

Clarke.

When she's not busy coaching the team, Clarke and all the staff of Andover Youth Services is busy organizing other programs for the older kids in town. This time of year, the staff is working long hours preparing for its popular summer program, an extensive array of organized trips that take groups to different areas of the country in search of fun and adventure.

"We try to make all of our

trips (programs) accessible to every kind of kid," says Glenn Wilson, Program Coordinator for Andover Youth Services. "We have a very extensive scholarship program. We never turn away a kid - we never have in 10 years.

"Budget cuts really hurt us in the summertime. It forces us to hire less staff, and that puts more pressure on the staff that does work. But, despite that, we're still going to produce the

very best program that we can," he says.

Last year's summer program was called "The Good Life." Last summer, about 2,500 kids participated in the 55 trips and various clinics, according to Wilson. Every trip during the past few summers has been filled to capacity.

Wilson lauds the passion, dedication and creativity of the Andover Youth Services staff. "We all work 80- to 100-hour weeks in the summertime. We like what we do, and we love who we're doing it for and who we're doing it with. It's easy to work 80-hour weeks when you

have that kind of spirit."

To get ideas for trips, youth services workers go to the schools and meet with students, says Wilson. They sit down with the youths at their lunch tables in the school cafeterias, tell them about their programs, and ask them what they would like to see offered.

"I'd say 95 percent of the trips that we have are requests from the kids," says Wilson. "Once the kids give us the ideas, we go and find out how to make it happen."

Wilson and the staff do the research, locate the resources

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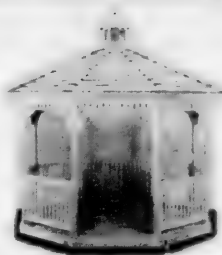
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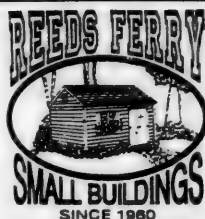
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Local parks and recreational areas are a short walk away

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By Alan Chittoff

According to a convenient, compact book entitled *Andover Trail Guide*, there are 29 properties, including state forests, parks, wildlife reservations, wetlands, woods, and hiking trails in Andover. Most of these areas are traversed by the Bay Circuit Trail, a network of individual trails that are linked together throughout the town.

"Andover is blessed with a full array of outdoor recreational opportunities," says Steve Golden, an Andover resident and long-time employee of the National Park Service. "Andover stands out in the Merrimack Valley region for its natural and cultural heritage."

Among the prominent recreational features are the Shawshen and Merrimack rivers, which are accessible to the pub-

lic for canoeing and low-impact rafting. The highest point in Ward Reservation might be the most popular outdoor spot in Andover, as it is the highest point in Essex County, and, on a clear day, offers wonderful views of the Merrimack Valley area and as far as Boston.

Of the 29 trails, reservations and other reserves, Ward Reservation, Harold Rafton/Virginia Hammond Reservations, and Goldsmith Woodlands are three popular areas to visit and enjoy. Ward Reservation is located east of Route 125 on the Andover/North Andover line. The Harold Rafton/Virginia Hammond Reservation is locat-

ed on High Plain Road at the junction of River Road and Chandler Road. Goldsmith Woodlands is accessible at 491 South Main St. near Gould Road.

For those interested, the local chapter of the Sierra Club might be a good place to make connections. A list of upcoming Sierra Club events and other information can be found on the club's Web site at www.thecompass.org/amcan-andover. *Andover Trail Guide* is available at Moor & Mountain in Dundee Park, 3 Railroad St.

A list of Andover trails, parks and other protected areas is listed at right.

PROTECTED AREAS IN ANDOVER

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| 1 Harold Parker State Forest | 14 Pole Hill |
| 2 Skug River and Hammond Reservations | 15 Shawshen River/Vale Greene/Pomps Pond/Foster's Island |
| 3 Charles W. Ward Reservation | 16 Sunset Rock Reservation |
| 4 Phillips Academy/Purdon/Lupine Reservations | 17 Stanley Reservation |
| 5 Indian Ridge/West Parish Meadow/Baker's Meadow | 18 Carmel Woods |
| 6 West Parish Cemetery/Doyle Link | 19 Den Rock Park |
| 7 Harold R. Rafton/Virginia Hammond Reservations | 20 Wood Hill/Bald Hill |
| 8 Deer Jump Reservation/Merrimack River Trail | 21 Bailey Reservation |
| 9 Amy Gordon Taft Reservation | 22 Haggetts Pond and Rail Trail |
| 10 Rocky Hill Reservation | 23 West Elementary School Woods |
| 11 Goldsmith Woodlands | 24 Sanborn School Woods |
| 12 Wilkinson Reservation | 25 South School Woods |
| 13 Robert Pustell Reservation | 26 Sanborn Reservation |
| | 27 Castle Park |
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| | 29 Cochran Wildlife Sanctuary |

Summer sports and activities for kids in Andover

■ SUMMERTIME FUN
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necessary to deliver the programs, and look for the best deals. In the process, they have created a network of like-minded individuals and organizations that know how to show adventurous kids a great time in the outdoors.

Paintball is one of the most popular programs, says Wilson. "Whenever we go into the schools, the kids always ask, 'When is the next paintball trip?' The kids love to run around in the woods and dress up in camouflage," he says. "All the paintball trips in the summer fill up quickly."

Other popular offerings include a trip to Arches National Park in Utah, a trip to Quechee Gorge in Vermont, and a trip to Yankee Stadium — which last year meant seeing the Sox fall once again to the Evil Empire.

"Unfortunately, the Sox lost the game, but it was a fabulous experience to be in Yankee Stadium. It was Pedro vs. Mussina — that was a pretty good game," says Wilson.

Other programs include rock climbing, tubing, surfing, and even girls boxing. The ultimate goal is to have something for everyone, and to do whatever is possible so that everyone can

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Without a car, you walked everywhere. It was slow and it wasn't cool.

My two sisters had been

working in Boston for about a year when they decided to buy a car. Maureen, 22 and a legal secretary, made about \$50 per week. Sheila, 19 and working as a clerk at an insurance agency, and spending all her pay on clothes and shoes, made about \$40 – since no one ever actually saw the money, it was a moot point.

My parents were aghast. A car?! Only our well-off relatives had their own transport. My mother took the bus to Lawrence or walked up North Main street to shop at the A&P, or Buster's Market or the Co-op. Whatever did we need a car for? The movie house uptown was open every day and Pomp's Pond was

only two miles away, and, besides, we were all dating and on the road anyway.

The debate raged, with both parents visualizing death and destruction on the highways via my sisters, and Maureen and Sheila standing firm, which included whining and begging. Finally, the OK was given with a provision attached. "You can get the car, but Uncle Jim has to go with you." *Oh no, not Uncle Jim.*

My mother's older brother was a crusty survivor of World War I and head of the town Tree Department. He was a small bantam of a man with bright blue eyes and a sour outlook on life. No flimflam man would

have gotten past his flinty glare. My sisters were aghast that they had to be seen on car lots with him, as he was apt to pick a fight with any salesman who didn't agree with his snap assessment.

Luckily, there was one auto dealer whom Jim considered honest, and, when the big night came, Maureen and Sheila disappeared with Jim for the first look at used cars. The next night, Jim drove off with them again, and, two hours later, they arrived home, flushed, triumphant and brandishing a purchase slip for \$250 and the title to a gray and white '52 Chevy two-door sedan with whitewall tires.

We all stared at the title as if it were a \$100 bond. That little piece of paper meant that we could go to the beach, ride around town on hot nights, shop in Lawrence without considering bus schedules, and visit friends in exotic locations, like Lexington. Life was improving dramatically. A few days later, Uncle Jim drove our new vehicle up the court to our front walk. We all crowded around it, thrilled that this neat, clean little car with gray-cloth-upholstered seats, a radio that worked, and an ash tray for our more sophisticated friends, was ours. No one was more excited than Maureen, the initiator of the plan. The only hitch was that Maureen did not have a driver's license and Sheila did.

Sheila was a cute, Irish-looking, giggly teen-ager with beautiful blue eyes, straight dark hair, and a petite figure. Maureen was slim, taller, with the same beautiful eyes and hair. I was almost 16, tall, dark-haired, pretty and thrilled to be included in their world, knowing it was mainly because I looked as old as the

both of them and dated some of the same people. Both had soft voices, unless a battle was raging, and, since Sheila had the license to drive and Maureen didn't, one raged frequently. Behind the wheel, Sheila was a slightly gentler version of General Patton. I sat in safe contentment in the back seat.

The whining usually started on South Main Street, where few police cars patrolled: "Sheila, please let me drive the car."

"No, Maureen," (virtuously spoken) "you don't have a license."

"No one will know, Sheila, just pull over and let me drive for a mile. I promise, only a mile." "No, Maureen," said Sheila, the soul of rational thinking. "You don't have a license and we'll get arrested."

And so, it went, each night, every night, I in the back seat, reveling in my sudden closeness to my adult (?) sisters, and those two in the front, battling for position. We usually drove up South Main Street and over the bridge to Howard Johnson's, then turned around and onto 125.

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it was almost claustrophobic. I can still smell the sweetness of my sister's Blue Grass perfume wafting into the back seat, feel the smooth gentle ride of that wonderful car as it mastered the terrain, and remember clearly those nights with my sisters.

We would end up turning down 114 to Elm Street, perhaps cruising uptown by Dalton's Drug Store (where Kabloom's is now) to see if anyone was hanging on the corner, not turning our heads to look, of course, since we didn't want to seem anxious. After that, we probably stopped for a frappe at the dairy and went

home again. Not what would be considered an exciting evening nowadays, but just the idea we had the freedom to hit the road in our own car was wonderful.

Eventually, I was driving with my friends, going to the dances at Central Catholic, to Hampton Beach for the day or evening, running into all sorts of people I would never have met otherwise, and loving the whole summer experience.

Maureen took driving lessons through an agency, got her license, drove taxi-drivers off the road in Boston, and abandoned us half the time for her Merrimack College friends. She married at 24 and brought up her

family in Peabody where she still drives like a bat out of hell. Sheila wed at 20, moved to the Cape, and never lived in Andover again. I moved away at 21, returned to marry at 26, and was the only one whose child grew up in Andover.

I still drive on Route 125, watching the changing colors of the canopy over my head, noticing the encroachment of businesses and housing in the once-silent woods, and wishing I could have back the fun and adventure of a summer night in a '52 Chevy with my sisters.

Only this time, I'd have the license.

Fun Flag Day Facts

(MS) - The US flag is so special that it gets its own day of celebration - June 14, the date in 1777 when the Continental Congress adopted the "Stars and Stripes" as the official flag of the United States.

The holiday was first observed in 1877, the 100th anniversary of the flag. President Woodrow Wilson established Flag Day as an annual national celebration in 1916. However, it wasn't until 1949, under President Harry Truman, that Congress designated June

14 as an annual celebration.

Test your flag knowledge:

What is the significance of the red, white and blue color scheme? *There is no official meaning behind the colors of the flag. But many believe that white represents "purity," red, "valor," and blue, "justice."*

The white stars that represented the 13 colonies on the first American flag were sewn in a circle. Why? *The 13 stars were arranged in a circle to ensure that no colony was perceived as above another.*

Where is the first flag? *No*

one knows what happened to the first flag. In fact, it's uncertain who designed or created it.

What is the name of a person who studies flags? *A vexillologist is an expert on flags and ensigns.*

Can a flag be flown upside down? *A flag can be flown upside down only in an emergency, to show that one is in distress.*

What happens to old flags? *Official flags are used until they are faded or worn. When no longer useable, they are usually destroyed.*

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Camping safety, tips and techniques

(WMS) - Summer is finally here! The days are longer and the air is warmer, and most people are eager to spend as much time outdoors as possible.

Camping is one way to enjoy the outdoors. Activities abound at a campground, from boating to swimming, from hiking to sunning. In short, camping offers something for everyone.

Veteran campers know the importance of being prepared for anything, from inclement weather and biting insects to proper food preparation and first-aid procedures. For the novice camper, however, knowing what to pack can be a bit overwhelming.

Here are some safety guidelines, tips and techniques, courtesy of *The Camper's and Backpacker's Bible*, by Tom Huggler, to help get one in gear for a safe and enjoyable camping experience:

Pack lightly. Choose utensils that have dual usage. A slotted spoon, for example, can serve as a colander; a foldable cup doubles as a soup ladle.

A lightweight red bandanna serves many purposes. Use it as protection from the sun, a sieve for straining water, a temporary tourniquet or first-aid wrap or a signal for help. If bugs are a problem, spray the bandanna with insect repellent and wear it around one's neck.

If hiking, thoroughly break in boots before hitting the trail. Nothing is worse than blistered feet when there are miles to go before rest.

Cut down on attacks from



COURTESY PHOTO

If one is in charge of organizing a camping trip, do some planning and try to keep it simple.

mosquitoes and other insects by wrapping rubber bands around pant and shirt cuffs.

A plastic ground cloth keeps the bottom of a tent floor clean and protects it from rough ground and water. Cut the ground cloth just big enough to fit inside the tent floor. If extended beyond the tent, it will collect water.

Pack a map, notepad and pencil (it's impossible to run out of ink with a pencil) in a zippered plastic bag.

Bring string. Pin it to a small tent leak in the ceiling and run the string to the floor, away from the head of beds or sleeping bags. Water will run down the string.

A small piece of medium-

grade sandpaper can be used for smoothing the joints of a tent pole for a better connection, roughing up fabric for a repair patch or striking a match.

Though the days are warm in the summer, don't be fooled. Summer nights at a campground can be chilly, so one always should be prepared. Keeping warm while temperatures drop is simple. A safely constructed campfire is, of course, one of the best outdoor heat sources. And a good meal, especially one rich in protein, carbohydrates and fats, will get the inner furnace firing. Portable propane heaters are a good additional heat source to take the chill out of a summer night (in addition to a campfire) if one is around a picnic area or under a tent fly. Propane stoves can also be used to heat foods and beverages.

In a cool summer evening, make sure to read manufacturer's packaging and operating instructions for safe and proper use of propane products. Never use outside-only propane products inside a cabin, tent, truck, camper, RV or other enclosed area. These products burn and consume oxygen for combustion and give off carbon monoxide. No matter how cold it may be, don't be tempted to take an "outdoor-only" propane product into an enclosed area. Campers run the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning if these products are used inside, especially overnight while sleeping.

There are certain heaters approved for indoor use as a temporary heat source. These heaters feature an oxygen-deple-

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tion sensor to shut off the heater if oxygen levels drop below a safe point.

If one is in charge of organizing a trip, plan well and keep it simple. The following are some tips to help:

Communicate. Get everyone involved. Use e-mail, phone or an informal gathering – whatever is most convenient – to make decisions about the trip.

Pick a good spot. Just like a homebuyer looking for a house, the primary consideration in planning a camping trip is loca-

tion, location, location. Be sure to ask how far everyone is willing to drive, and try to find a place that is an equal distance from everyone.

Other considerations in selecting a campground are what activities everyone wants to do and what amenities are important to the group, such as indoor restrooms.

Ask for help. Camping provides plenty of opportunities for teamwork and togetherness. Ask someone to be in charge of a shared meal, an activity that could be the highlight of the trip. That person will plan the menu and assign others to bring spe-

cific items. Another person might want to organize a group outing, such as canoeing or a late-night hike. Still another person could be charged with organizing the children's activities.

During the campout, ask everyone to help with camp chores. With everyone pitching in, these tasks will be accomplished quickly.

Make a list, check it twice. A checklist is a sure-fire way to avoid the "Oh no, we forgot" scenario. Some items that might be on the list, such as tent, stove or cooler, can be shared. If so, make a note of who is bringing them. Give copies of the list to

the group, and remind them that a sleeping pad, airbed or cot is essential for a good night's sleep.

Find out if the campground allows open fires. If not, take a portable unit, because sitting around the campfire at night is an integral part of any campout. And don't forget the firewood, fire-starter and skewers for marshmallows!

Some other key items to remember are raingear, lanterns

and flashlights, fuel and batteries, clothesline for wet towels and clothing, garbage bag, camera and film, and a first-aid kit. Check off the items on the list as they are packed for the trip.

Finally, and most importantly of all, don't forget to have fun!

Have fun on the camping trip, but keep it safe. Never use outside-only propane products inside enclosed areas, including a tent.

Practice common sense on golf course

(MS) – When it comes to thinking about sports-related injuries, golf likely won't rank high on the list. However, injuries can occur out on the links. Besides traps and bunkers, injury can come from the sun, lightning, golf balls and golf carts. So, the wise golfer will take some sensible measures before teeing off.

LIGHTNING

When out on an open course in poor weather conditions, lightning strikes can be a possible threat. Metal golf clubs can attract a powerful strike of lightning. If a storm is approaching, end the game and head indoors immediately. The golf cart will not provide adequate protection, and it's not worth risking a life for "one more hole."

STRAY GOLF BALLS

As silly as it might sound, getting hit with a stray golf ball can be a dangerous event. Those small balls, when traveling at fast speeds, have the potential to cause head trauma or a concussion, or worse. Many onlookers and players are injured in such a manner.

CART OPERATION

Often, unsafe operation of golf carts can result in injuries. They can be fun to drive, but are not for joy-riding. Because they are motor vehicles, the same rules of driving a car apply as when driving a cart on the golf course.

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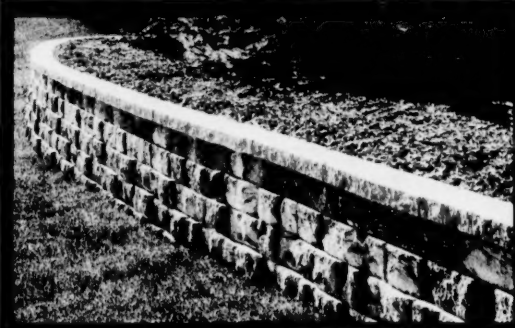


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